

## Biggleswade Academy - Parent Forum - 17/05/2022

<p>The staggered starts, that were introduced for covid, really work well and would like to see this as a permanent change.</p>	<p>The timings of the school day this year haven't been staggered, ie our gates open at 8:40 for an 8:45 start, and then dismissal at 3:30. These timings will remain in place for next year.</p>
<p>I like dressing for PE on PE days, rather than changing at school. I feel this really works well and means the PE kits get some proper wear before being out grown.</p>	<p>It does work well on cutting out the need for changing time but on wet days it has led to issues of children sometimes remaining in wet and dirty clothes. It is important that we encourage the need to change for physical activity, and so we will be returning to school uniform each day and changing at school for PE lessons.</p>
<p>More parent teacher interaction during term time would be helpful regarding child's growth and weaknesses.</p>	<p>With no restrictions in place, next year we will be returning to inviting parents into the school for award assemblies, celebrations of works and more performances. We will carry on with the reporting and parent evening system and parents can contact the school office or teacher to arrange additional meetings if required.</p>
<p>I would like to know what the academy plans to do about the proposed government guidance on affordable uniforms?</p>	<p>In line with the new guidance we are currently reviewing the existing school supplier. We will remain a uniformed school and within our policy we will highlight the uniform expectations. Part of the policy already includes low cost uniform alternatives, such as white shirts and a school tie.</p>
<p>Will the school enforce the school shoe requirement of the uniform?</p>	<p>Yes, trainers are not part of the school uniform. We will write to parents this term outlining the uniform expectations and follow this up in the new academic year, but would hope that any follow up with parents wouldn't need to be necessary.</p>
<p>Can hats be worn for PE?</p>	<p>Yes, if the hat is appropriate and doesn't prevent the child from fully taking part in the activity</p>
<p>Are Lockers returning to KS3 for children to hang coats and PE kits?.</p>	<p>From September, each KS3 classroom will have a set of pegs, where children can leave items</p>
<p>Y5 transition. - what are the extra arrangements and what forms need to be returned by 28th May?</p>	<p>A letter went out today outlining the Yr5 activity day on Saturday 2nd July. Forms, to Yr4s not currently at Biggleswade Academy, were sent out via a googlemail. We will resend these.</p>
<p>What are the future timings for parent forums.</p>	<p>Next year we will arrange for the Forum to be on different days and different timings.</p>

Can the school communicate all key dates, eg dates for school photos?	At the start of the year, we will send out a letter with all the key dates we know of at the time. We will also do this for the start of the last half term this year.
Can parents check Google classroom to see what homework has been set?	Google classroom doesn't offer the facility for parents to login.
Can the playground supervisors be more mobile, so they can identify issues before they possibly escalate?	Staff are aware of playground expectations and this will be discussed at the next review session.
Thank you for starting to put on more wider school activities and competitions, eg STEM project and Bake Off (thank you to Mrs Hughes for the thoughtful prizes that were awarded), and thank you to Miss Beattie for the return of Scooter club	Thank you
The children are pleased to receive their Virtues awards, can more information be shared with parents	Good, the Virtues is something we have been working on in school and we will be sharing more details with parents.
Thank you for the range of Options choices for KS3.	Thank you, we are starting to plan courses for next year and will be able to share these with the children soon.