

6 July 2022

Dear families

I want to thank you for your continued support of the academy and our work towards the vision that **all students were successful at university or a real alternative. They lived happy and purposeful lives.**

I wrote to you on 14 June to share the curriculum model proposed changes. I wanted to thank all families for your responses. Overall, the responses were positive, and I am grateful for you taking the time to respond. We have responded to all families that gave feedback.

The model we intend to move to from August 2022 is to change the lesson structure from 26 x 1-hour lessons to 30 x 55-minute lessons, and have a five-minute shorter morning meeting and morning break. The start time would remain as 8am; however, we will finish the school day at 3:10pm Monday to Friday. This was the preferred model of the majority of staff, families and students. We will still be open from 7am for breakfast club, enrichment clubs will run from 3:10pm - 4:10pm and the Learning Bubble will be open until 4:50pm each afternoon. Therefore, students can be dropped off before and collected after families finish work or pick up other children from primary school. Here is the link to our new academy day: [What the School Day Looks Like](#)

At the end of the academy day, we are looking at using our side gates more for students exiting. As our student numbers are growing each year, we want to make sure students can leave safely. I will confirm the use of gates before the end of the term. I would also ask if you are collecting your child by car, can you choose a place to park away from our gates, as this ensures students can be safe.

I am really excited about the changes we are making and ensuring that students have access to a great curriculum.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Gemma Rothenburg  
**Principal**

