



The school is currently working hard to increase the teaching time available without affecting the start and finish times of the school day. Already, teaching time has been increased by approximately 90 minutes each week by ringing the school bell (ensuring a prompt start) and by reducing the number of whole-school assemblies. As before each day starts with an Act of Worship in each room.

According to Government statistics, the average teacher works 55 hours a week. Planning, lesson preparation and marking place a heavy burden on colleagues. Ensuring the safety and well being of every child is yet another important responsibility. At present children just drift into the building before school starts and may be unsupervised. From next Monday, unless the weather is inclement, children will remain on the playground until the bell is rung at 08.55. From 08.45 until 08.55 they will be supervised by a member of staff. When

the bell is rung they will line up, as they already do at the end of break times, and enter the school in a calm and controlled manner.

I suggest that children arrive in school between 08.35 – 08.55. Remember though, that they will be supervised from 08.45. If the weather is inclement we will open doors from 08.45.

Parking

There is not a school in Rugby which has escaped the problem of inappropriate or illegal parking on roads around the school. Please be sensitive and considerate to neighbours and pedestrians – your momentary convenience can cause an injury or harm our reputation. I will support the police in any action they deem appropriate.

School gates

Children are not allowed on the school grounds before 8.30am unless booked into the 7-11 Club.

Basketball

As advertised in the letter, the morning coaching session starts on Tuesday October 6th.

Applications for Leave of Absence

I attended a meeting of Head Teachers recently where the concerns surrounding holidays in term time was raised. It was agreed that the existing procedures, as

recommended by Warwickshire, will be imposed more rigorously in all Rugby Schools. Consequently applications which do not meet the criteria will be refused. If the absence is then taken it will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Gate to Alfred Green Terrace

I mentioned in the previous Newsletter that the gate would only be operated until 4pm on school days to reduce the constant interruption in the school office providing Mrs Lundy with some quality time to focus on her work, free from disruption. However, I appreciate that this has caused some inconvenience. Consequently the Governors have resolved the matter with a wonderfully British compromise. Each after-school club will be responsible for opening the gates from the scheduled end of the session until 10 minutes after. This will also start from Monday October 5th.

Mrs Taylor

The Governors are pleased to confirm the permanent appointment of Mrs Taylor (Y6) to the teaching establishment of the school.

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