

Shaw Wood Academy

INSPIRE-DISCOVER-CHALLENGE

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Dear Parent

We have been trying very hard to adapt systems in school so that children are safe coming into school and going home. We do understand how difficult this week has been and apologise for the issues that have arisen. Shaw Wood has almost 500 pupils and so this aspect of returning to school was always going to be difficult to organise.

The staggered start at the beginning of the week did not work because too many parents did not arrive at the times specified. We understand that some families have more than one child and so this can be difficult. The present system does not work because we have so many people queueing to enter school in the morning and this is hazardous because of the lack of social distancing and the traffic hazards.

Nursery entrance changes (Miss McGeachie)

From tomorrow, the nursery door and gates will open from 08:20, ready for a 08:30 start. This will allow the children to get used to the usual Early Years hours as we progress through the term. From 08:35 you will be unable to access the nursery entrance as it will be part of a one way system. If you are late, please bring your child to the main office.

Key stage 2 playground changes (Mr Penno, Miss Carter, Miss Kelly, Mrs Hackney, Miss Wood, Miss Hornsby, Mrs Taylor/Mrs Scofield, Mr Parkinson and Mr McMahon)

We will open the gate to the large playground at 08:35. **Please do not arrive before this time.** Staff will be on the playground waiting for the children from 08:35. Once in the playground children will be asked to walk around to their classroom external doors where their teacher will greet them. We ask that parents leave the playground area immediately through the one way system (walking past the nursery/Children's Centre entrance). School gates will close at 8.50.

There will be no changes to the current system in place in the small front playground (Miss Horsfield, Miss Gibson, Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss McKay)

The system in the afternoon seems to be working well and so this will remain as it is.

We thank you for your patience and once again would like to reassure you that we are doing all we can to adapt as quickly as possible to a very challenging situation.

Jo Campbell
Executive Headteacher

