



20 March 2024

End of Term Letter – Spring 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of term and the Easter holiday, I would like to share some reminders and an important update with you all.

Easter Holiday

The school will be closed from Monday 25 March 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024 for the Easter holiday. All pupils will return to school on Monday 8 April 2024 at 8:30am.

Change to the School Day from September 2024

As you may be aware, from September 2024, the Department of Education has introduced a new minimum expectation of a 32.5-hour school week. For Hodge Hill College to meet this, we must change the start and finish times of the school day back to our pre-Covid timings.

	School Start Time	School Finish Time	Total Time
Monday	08:30	16:10	7 hours 40 minutes
Tuesday	08:30	15:10	6 hours 40 minutes
Wednesday	08:30	15:10	6 hours 40 minutes
Thursday	08:30	15:10	6 hours 40 minutes
Friday	08:30	13:40	5 hours 10 minutes
			32 hours 50 minutes

We have listened to feedback so far and have retained our early finish time on Friday afternoons. We are also in conversation with the three other schools who share the Bromford Road site to ensure traffic disruption is minimised as far as possible.

As we have done historically, all pupils Monday to Thursday will have two break times staggered throughout the day depending on the year group. The canteens will be open during both break times for pupils to purchase food and drink and pupils' free school meal entitlement will be unaffected.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to enquiry@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk.

We will write to parents/carers in the Summer Term to confirm arrangements for September, including the finalised timings to ensure we meet the external requirement for a minimum 32.5-hour school week.

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Structure of the School Day September 2024

Monday	Time	Total Time
Line up/movement to form	08:30 – 08:40	10 minutes
Form time	08:40 – 09:10	30 minutes
Lesson one	09:10 – 10:10	1 hour
Lesson two <i>including break</i>	10:10 – 11:40	1 hour 30 minutes
Lesson three	11:40 – 12:40	1 hour
Lesson four <i>including break</i>	12:40 – 14:10	1 hour 30 minutes
Lesson five	14:10 – 15:10	1 hour
Lesson six	15:10 – 16:10	1 hour
		7 hours 40 minutes

Tuesday - Thursday	Time	Total Time
Line up/movement to form	08:30 – 08:40	10 minutes
Form time	08:40 – 09:10	30 minutes
Lesson one	09:10 – 10:10	1 hour
Lesson two <i>including break</i>	10:10 – 11:40	1 hour 30 minutes
Lesson three	11:40 – 12:40	1 hour
Lesson four <i>including break</i>	12:40 – 14:10	1 hour 30 minutes
Lesson five	14:10 – 15:10	1 hour
		6 hours 40 minutes

Friday	Time	Total Time
Line up/movement to form	08:30 – 08:40	10 minutes
Form time	08:40 – 09:10	30 minutes
Lesson one	09:10 – 10:10	1 hour
Lesson two	10:10 – 11:10	1 hour
Lesson three <i>including break</i>	11:10 – 12:40	1 hour 30 minutes
Lesson four	12:40 – 13:40	1 hour
		5 hours 10 minutes

Free School Meals

Can I once again encourage parents/carers to apply for Free School Meals through the online service found on our website: <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals>. You can also telephone or come into the school and complete a Free School Meals application online with a member of staff if you prefer. Please make sure you have the National Insurance Number with you for the named person who receives either working tax credit/child tax credit and we will be happy to help.

Thank you from all of us here at Hodge Hill College for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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