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CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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28th November 2022

Important – Notification of change of times on Tuesdays

Dear Parent / Carer

When we return to school on January 4th 2023 we will no longer have different timings of the school day on Tuesdays. In future, pupils will be expected to arrive at school ready for a prompt 8.40am start and will leave at 3.20pm on each day of the week. Please note the school site will be open from 8.00am and breakfast will be available between 8.00am and 8.30am.

We are making this change because we have noticed that pupil attendance is lower on Tuesdays and a small minority of pupils have difficulty in arriving at school on time. Feedback from parents suggests that they would welcome a consistent daily routine throughout the week.

We hope that you will agree that this is a positive step. We will continue to monitor attendance because there is a very clear link between good attendance and success in school. We also want to foster good habits around punctuality which are so important as pupils move into the world of work. Persistent lateness by a small minority of pupils can damage the education of all pupils so we will be reviewing our sanctions for this. We will share any changes regarding sanctions with pupils and we will communicate these with parents in the usual way.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support in helping us to maintain our high standards. As a school we appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to continuing to work together for the good of children in the future.

Best wishes

Mrs M Wilkinson
(Headteacher)

Mr M Lee
(Chair of Governors)

