



LANGSTONE ACADEMIES

18th July 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This is our final letter for this year and with it comes a number of goodbyes. Firstly, to our Year 6 who have been wonderful during their time at Langstone and I know are ready for the journey to continue into secondary school.

We will be saying farewell to two of our teachers. Mrs Williams and Miss Payne who have both been an absolute joy to work with and I know that the children who have been fortunate enough to be in their classes will miss seeing them. We wish Mrs Williams all the best as she relocates with her family to the USA and to Miss Payne as she sets off to explore more of the working world.

We also have a number of teaching assistants who after years of supporting the children in our community are now ready to put their feet up and enjoy family life. We see Mrs Norris after 22 years at Langstone, Mrs Simmonds with 26 years and Mrs Keating with 25 years leaving at the end of this term. Their commitment and hard work is truly appreciated and I am sure you will join me in wishing each of them a wonderful retirement.

I would also like to take this chance to share updates on the merger. As you know when your child returns to school in September, they will be coming back to Langstone Primary Academy. Years R – 2 will continue to enter the playground from Stride Avenue and Years 3 -6 will continue to enter the playground from Lakeside Avenue. They will hopefully be greeted by some new signs with our new school name. Other differences will be that the Key Stage 1 and Early Years side of the building will be painted and new carpets in the corridors. We are excited that we are able to offer the children a fresh look to their wonderful school.

We will still be two buildings in September and so will still have two offices. Our attendance team will be based on the Key Stage 1 (formally the Infants) side and so if your **child is absent**, please call **023 9283 2642**.

For all **other enquiries** please call as follows:

Early Years & Key Stage 1 (Years R – 2) – 023 9283 2642
Key Stage 2 (Years 3 -6) – 023 9282 4138

With regards to websites, we will still have the existing websites until the design work on our Primary School website is ready – you will be notified when this goes live and sent a link. Other than that, much will remain the same at this time.

As a reminder, the timings of our day as of September will involve arrival windows, meaning children can arrive during the ten minute window.

	EYFS Year R	KS1 Years 1 & 2	KS2 Years 3, 4, 5, & 6
Arrival Window	8:30 - 8:40 am	8:20 - 8:30 am	8:25 - 8:35 am
Pick up time	3pm	3:10pm	3:15pm

The overlap in time accommodates those people with a child on both sides of the school with Key Stage 2 children being dropped at the gate. I appreciate that some parents are concerned about having to walk backwards and forwards if they have children in multiple key stages – can I suggest that if you are in this situation that you make the most of the arrival window, dropping Key Stage 2 child at 8.25 and then proceed round to Key Stage 1 to drop these children off by 8.30. Please do remember, learning will not start until after the window closes so children dropped at later times do

not miss out. Children in Year R will begin their day at 8.40am and finish at 3.00pm. We have slightly adjusted our Year R start time to a window, this is in response to parent feedback.

We hope that this approach will help alleviate the traffic outside of school but I would again ask if you come by car that you park away from the site and walk – this helps everyone and ensures all children are safe.

We remind you that our Out of School Club will also be extending their day to help our working parents. They will now start at 7:30am and will finish at 5:45pm. This has been in response to parents looking for longer childcare day.

I am also again confirming the Inset Days that are scheduled for next academic year – I hope this helps with your planning.

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 29th November

Monday 6th January

Friday 4th July

As always, I appreciate your support and am looking forward to further strengthening our offer as we become a primary. Please do remember to come and ask me any questions you may have.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bush', is positioned above a faint dotted rectangular box.

Mrs J Bush
Headteacher