

Email sent to all Parents and Carers on 27/01/2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are keeping well. Thank you for doing everything you can to facilitate learning at home. My children are in Years 3 and 7 so I do have first-hand knowledge of the demands being placed on families at this difficult time. Printing sheets, charging laptops, arranging lunch and answering impossible questions are all part of the daily routine. We do not know how long the current situation will continue and I am mindful that we should try to make changes to help families where possible.

In September, we introduced a staggered approach to the school day to allow for greater social distancing. This has meant that children in Key Stage 3 have different break and lunch times to the older students. We have heard from some parents that having children at home following different timetables is causing some difficulties and that life would be a lot easier if the whole school timetable was streamlined. The emergency school provision would also benefit if all students could follow a similar timetable.

In response to this, from Monday 1st February, all students will follow the current Key Stage 3 timings. With any changes there are some negatives but these are far outweighed by the positives. The new school day will look like this:

08:40 Form time 09:00 - 10:00 lesson 1 10:00 - 10:20 break 10:20 - 11:20 lesson 2 11:20 - 12:20 lesson 3 12:20 - 13:00 lunch 13:00 - 14:00 lesson 4 14:00 - 15:00 lesson 5

The main impact is that Sixth Form lessons will finish at the slightly later time of 14:00. Please be aware that Key Stage 4 Form Tutors may complete wellbeing calls until 15:25 each day. Students will continue to have their daily Form time with resources available including wellbeing, literacy support and Citizenship & PSHE, alongside online Assemblies. Form Tutors will advise as to which days are live as they will also be making 'phone calls and holding small group meetings.

Students who are part of the emergency provision may have some changes to PE lessons and we will contact those parents and carers directly, regarding this.

These time changes should help to improve things for many families and help with our emergency provision within school too. If you are struggling with access to a suitable laptop for all children at home, we do have a small number still available. If you would like to borrow one, please email your details to ep@christletonhigh.co.uk and we will get back to you.

I hope to be in touch soon with details of a safe return to school and thank you for all the support that you are giving.

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