



STANGROUND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/ Carer

We would like to inform you about the changes to the structure of the school day which will come into force the week beginning Monday 12 December.

The start and end of the school day will remain the same and there will still be five, one hour subject lessons each day. The main changes are to tutor time and lunchtime.

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| Tutor Time | 08.35am - 09.05am |
| P1 | 09.05am - 10.05am |
| P2 | 10.05am - 11.05am |
| Break | 11.05am - 11.25am |
| P3 | 11.25am - 12.25pm |
| P4 | 12.25pm - 13.25pm |
| Lunch | 13.25pm - 14.00pm |
| P5 | 14.00pm - 15.00pm |

The academy day will begin, as normal, with tutor time. Pupils are required to be on-site by 8.30am. Tutor time will start at 8.35am to 9.05am. During this 30-minute contact, pupils will be registered, notices will be given, and uniform and well-being checked. Pupils will then commence the valuable tutor programme which includes PSHE, literacy/reading, assemblies, current affairs, and numeracy. Our PSHE curriculum delivers important content relating to anti-

bullying, anti-discrimination, anti-racism, healthy relationships, online and E-Safety, public safety to name but a few. This time is invaluable in teaching our pupils how to keep themselves and their peers safe and how they can manage challenging situations.

During lunchtime, 13.25pm - 14.00pm, pupils will have use of the canteen, main yard, and front yard. The main yard will be a seating area for eating and sitting sensibly. The front yard will be a space for play, including basketball. During the winter months, when the grass is wet, football will not be permitted outside of Power League. We will communicate with pupils when we feel it is safe enough and sensible to use the grass area for football.

Pupils eating during lunchtime will be required to sit either in the canteen or the eating area, no food consumption will be permitted in the corridors, front yard or whilst walking around. Sixth formers can continue to eat in the sixth form study room at lunchtime as normal.

Pupils will not be permitted in other areas of the academy unless directed to do so by a member of staff in order to minimise disruption and to safeguard the well-being of our pupils. This will of course mean some changes to our extra-curricular club schedules which will be published again in due course. All other services such as the library, toilets, and student services will be available during pupils' lunchtimes as usual.

From Monday 12 December, we will also become a 'no physical contact' academy. Pupils have had an assembly around this concept already and we will re-emphasise this in our communications from Monday. Before Christmas, we will be enforcing this through conversation and reminders. After Christmas, we will put sanctions in place for any pupil who

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does not meet this expectation. We want to keep every pupil in the academy safe during unstructured time and the 'no-physical contact' policy will reduce the number of accidental injuries and create a calmer environment for pupils and staff.

In addition, as the season has now turned colder, we would like to emphasise the importance of pupils coming dressed for inclement weather. Coats, hats, scarves, and gloves are all highly encouraged for use outside during break and lunch. In addition to umbrellas, when necessary, particularly if walking to or from school on a rainy day. We also have a Stanground Academy jumper that is an optional addition under the academy blazer and would encourage pupils to wear this, in addition to their blazer, in the colder months.

These changes and expectations will be communicated to pupils through a series of assemblies and tutor time messages. As always, thank you for your continued support with the changes we are making at Stanground Academy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Van Lier', written in a cursive style.

Mr Van Lier
Principal