

Crudgington Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Parking at Crudgington

I understand the frustration regarding the school start times moving back to normal following the staggered times. I am also mindful that the school carpark will be much busier again.

As you may already know, schools were advised to implement staggered start times (where possible) to try to limit the number of people on site to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19. In line with the easing of restrictions, staggered start times will be no longer possible.

Crudgington was only able to implement staggered start times by the agreement of staff to support children (including siblings) from 8.30am – 3.30pm in line with the national effort to combat the spread of COVID-19. It is not a long-term sustainable option to continue with the current staggered times due to the additional demands it places on school staff which sits outside of their normal work obligations. It has meant that tasks normally completed during this time have had to either be deferred or, more likely, completed in the teacher's own time.

Throughout the pandemic staff have continued to give their time freely in support of the school community. This has even included providing care in the holidays for children of critical workers across two school sites.

Staggered start times have also had a notable impact on whole school assemblies (in the hall), singing assemblies, shared playtimes and lunch provision due to lesson timetabling. We are eager to get the children playing together again and taking part in the activities that they have missed so much through the course of this academic year.

Please be reassured that, as you read this letter, we are pursuing several options to help to expand the available parking at Crudgington Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Ames

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