

Dear Parents & Carers,

An Update from the Governing Board.

Lengthening the School Day.

I wrote to you recently about extending the school day from September. The feedback from staff and parents was mostly positive and supported the extension of the school day. The few who were against the longer hours, were concerned that the children are very small and are in school for enough time already.

The governing board have decided that the school day will be extended in September. The school day will start at 8.55am and finish at 3.25pm, the school doors will be open from 8.45am.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the governing board for a parent governor. We will be sending out election forms shortly. It is important that parents have a voice on the governing board. We have 8 meetings per year. The governing board's role is to ensure that the school is being run in the best possible way with a good ethos and strategic vision; that the children are achieving the best results they can; and that the school is spending money efficiently to ensure the best outcomes for the children. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact me at [chair@woodfield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@woodfield.gloucs.sch.uk)

School Streets & parking around the school site.

The implementation of the School Streets programme has been delayed. Thinktravel, which is part of Gloucestershire County Council's Integrated Transport Unit are working with both schools, the Nest, residents and the local councillor to try to make travel to and from school as safe as possible.

Parking around the school has always been difficult. Please can I remind you not to park on the yellow zigzags in front of the school drive, or in front of the garages, and please don't block driveways. A member of the public contacted me to say that she felt she could have been run over by a driver who had parked in the school entrance at pick up time. She was very concerned that a child may have been knocked over if they had been in her position. I have also had conversations with parents who are concerned about the safety of the children as they arrive at and leave school.

Behaviour around the school.

As you will be aware the school has 3 key rules:

- SAFE
- RESPECTFUL
- READY

Please remember that once on the school site, we expect everybody to be respectful to the staff, the children, and to each other. I have attached the Behaviour Policy and Parent Carer Code of conduct. Please could you have a look at them and discuss them with your children to remind them of the behaviour we expect in school. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss regarding behaviour, you need to speak to your child's teacher.

Sam Friend  
Chair of Governors, Cam Woodfield Infant School