



Ark St Alban's Academy

Dear Parents,

As you know, Ark St Alban's Academy has a reputation for outstanding academic results. We believe that this is achieved through our strong discipline system which helps to support your child in a calm and purposeful environment. Many of you regularly tell me that this is why you choose to send your child to us, as you support the structured boundaries that Ark St Alban's Academy provides. I am therefore writing to you today to ask for your support with the following:

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A clam, orderly dismissal at the end of the school day.

The Academy is responsible for its students as they travel to and from school and whilst they are in our uniform, our discipline expectations apply at these times. Ark St Alban's Academy now has 727 students on roll, more students than ever before. All of these students exiting the building at the same time is not the best way to ensure a calm orderly dismissal.

Therefore we are implementing a staggered dismissal at the end of the school day. Students will be dismissed a class at a time, by year group, starting with the youngest students first. They will be led off site by their period 6 teacher who will encourage them to go straight home as quickly as possible. We are anticipating this process will take 10 minutes in total and will begin with Y7 students at 3:50pm today. Any students who need to wait until 4pm will be supervised at the entrance of the academy. Detentions will take place as normal in the dining hall.

I have written before to request that you support us by ensuring that your child is not hanging around in Horton Square at the end of the day but goes straight home and I was grateful for the messages of support we received as we tried to keep students safe.

Lunchtime on Friday.

In addition to this, the school day on a Friday is changing. Slightly earlier lunchtimes will be taking place and updated in your child's planner. Our staggered dismissal will also take place on Friday's beginning at 1.50pm.

At Ark St Alban's Academy student safety is paramount and we value the support we receive from our local community to engage positively with our students. We anticipate the staggered dismissal and change to the school day on Fridays will support this.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact the academy in the usual way.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Dalton | Acting Principal | Ark St Alban's Academy