

Dear Parent/Carer

This letter will outline some key reminders of changes to areas of the school starting in the new term when we commence after the summer break.

# **First Day Back**

School will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 8.35am. There will be no staggered start for different year groups.

## **Uniform**

We have made the decision change our PE/performing arts kit. There will no longer be a requirement to purchase items that have a school logo embroidered or pupils' initials printed on either the t-shirt or shorts. All of our PE kit remains plain black. If your child still has kit with logos or printing on, these can still be worn until replaced.

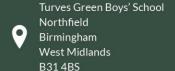
This decision is to reduce the financial burden on families when buying these items. It will also give parents a wider choice of suppliers to choose from.

Please see the link for a full break down of the uniform and equipment requirements; <a href="https://tgbs.co.uk/uniform/">https://tgbs.co.uk/uniform/</a>

We would also like to share the details of Rubery Schools Community Swop Shop, this is a charity that supports families to provide free uniform items for their children. <a href="https://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk/">https://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk/</a>

# **School Day**

Our school day will be changing slightly. This is to ensure that the school is open for 32.5 hours for pupils across the week, something the government require for all schools by September 2023. The changes mean the school day starts earlier (8.35am) and pupils will be dismissed later (3.05pm). This will not impact curriculum time at all.









<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	
8.35 - 8.40	Line up	
8.40 - 9.10	Registration	
9.10 - 10.10	Period 1	
10.10 - 11.10	Period 2	
11.10 - 11.35	Break	
11.35 - 12.35	Period 3	
12.35 - 2.05	Period 4/Lunch	Year 8 & 9 - 12.35-1.05
		Year 7 - 1.05-1.35
		Year 10 & 11 - 1.35-2.05
2.05 - 3.05	Period 5	

#### **News Items**

You can catch up with everything going on at the school via our social media channels and news area on the website. Please find regular updates on the following link; https://tgbs.co.uk/news/

In addition to this, you will be able to read our half termly newsletters which celebrate all that goes on at TGBS here; <a href="https://tgbs.co.uk/newsletters/">https://tgbs.co.uk/newsletters/</a>

## **Staffing**

When we return in September, Mr Soden will be transitioning gender and will be known as Miss Soden moving forward. In making the transition Miss Soden will now be able to live the life that she has always known to be consistent with her true gender identity.

I know that the school community will support her to ensure that she makes a great success of her ongoing career with us.

Clearly, it is of great importance that Miss Soden is allowed to return to work without fear of prejudice, intolerance or harassment. As you would expect, we will not tolerate any harassment of any kind, be that within the school, outside its gates, through online forums and social media or on school trips.

Turves Green Boys' School is proud of its commitment to equality and diversity among its staff and pupils. We support them all, we treat them with respect and have due regard for their privacy and wellbeing at all times, regardless of their age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.







Have a restful summer and see you in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Till

Headteacher





