



**KING'S PARK
ACADEMY**

High Expectations Lead to High Achievers

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Dear Parents/Carers

Half Day Closure on Wednesdays

At King's Park Academy we are dedicated to maintaining an outstanding education for our community in an increasingly challenging and uncertain environment. We must prioritise keeping our school open to as many children as possible. Therefore, **we are reducing our teaching week to 4 and a half days** to reduce the risk of the virus spreading across the school.

As you may know, it is a legal entitlement for all teachers to have 10% of their weekly timetable out of class to plan, prepare and assess pupils' work. Closing the school for a half day means that teachers can take this time without the need for other staff to cross bubbles, potentially spreading the virus and then resulting in many more children having to self-isolate.

This is not a decision I have made lightly as I am very aware of the impact this will have on pupils and parents. However, I believe this is a necessary measure to keep all year groups open safely in the longer term and to help protect our wider community.

Half day closing will be after lunch on a Wednesday each week and will start on Wednesday 25th November. Please see the table below for your child's new finishing time. Text reminders will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

Year Group	Gate	Time	Class
Reception	Front gate	12.45pm 12.50pm 12.55pm	RR – Hedgehogs RP - Foxes RJ - Owls
1	Hall gate	12.45pm 12.50pm 12.55pm	1RW 1EG 1KJ
2	Front car park	12.45pm 12.50pm 12.55pm	2JH 2EE 2RB
3	Front car park	12.45pm 12.50pm 12.55pm	3LE 3LB 3CP
4	Front car park	1.00pm 1.05pm	4AE 4LW 4MC 4RJ
5	Back gate	12.45pm 12.50pm 12.55pm	5CJ 5SR 5JB
6	Back gate	1.00pm 1.05pm 1.10pm 1.15pm	6MM 6JE 6JS 6PW

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I apologise if you feel that this is short notice, but we are already facing the challenge of high staff absence with staff who are having to self-isolate as well as usual sickness absences. I will only have this reduced timetable in place for the shortest period of time necessary.

As ever, please do call the office on 01202 395138 or email kpa@kingspark-academy.co.uk if you have any questions.

Mini-Ambers After School club will not be available for after school care on Wednesdays. Little Ambers Nursery will remain open, but you are able to collect your child early on a Wednesday, if you so wish.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Lauren Dean
Principal