

8th November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Proposed Changes to Goosewell

I am writing to update you on some proposed changes at Goosewell Academy.

Due to the falling number of children on roll at Goosewell Academy, which has led to a reduction in funding, we are having to review the staffing structure at the school in order to make financial savings.

The key elements of the proposal that we want to make you aware of include:

- Meal-Time Assistants (MTAs) will be replaced by Teaching Assistants (TAs) during lunch time – this means we will continue to have at least the same level of supervision as we currently have.
- TAs will work set hours across the week to ensure the supervision and support of children does not vary.
- The number of full-time equivalent TAs will reduce to reflect the falling number of children on roll.

These changes are proposed to take effect from Sunday 1st March.

We are also proposing structural changes to the school day:

- Lunchtime, in EYFS & KS1, will reduce from 1 hour and 10 minutes to 1 hour, which will be in line with the rest of the school. This means that all Goosewell children will have one hour for lunch.
- The school day will begin at 8.45am for all children with registration closing at 8.55am ensuring children start their learning at 9am prompt*
- The school day will finish at 3.10pm for EYFS & KS1*
- The school day will finish at 3.15pm for KS2*

The changes to the start and finish of the school day are proposed to take effect from the first day of the Summer Term, **Tuesday 14th April 2020.*

Goosewell Academy has a dedicated work force who are committed to the children and ensuring they have the very best education, and it is with regret that I am having to propose the changes that will directly affect the staff.

Over the past few months, I have had valuable feedback from parents, either directly in the playground, through email and through meetings. We are keen to continue receiving this so if you have any questions about the proposed changes or if you would like to discuss anything regarding the school, please do get in touch.

With very best wishes



James Gentile

Headteacher