

September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

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SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

As you know, the annual Open Evening is a very important event in the school year. The school will be open from 5.30pm to 8.30pm for Year 6 families who are choosing a secondary school. These arrangements inevitably mean a variation to the normal routine for existing students and this letter is to explain what will happen.

On Thursday 28 September normal school will end at 12.20pm and there will be no lunch availability. If your child has free school meals they can have food to the value of the free school meal at breaktime.

It is an expectation that as many students as possible are able to help on the evening. Students in Years 7, 9, 11 and 13 will be needed to talk to visitors, operate experiments and take part in various displays during the evening. Students in Years 8, 10 and 12 will be expected to act as guides to our prospective parents and their children. Further information about this will be sent to you shortly. We would be grateful if you would respond to the parental permission request promptly when you receive it. Students who are not involved in the event should stay away from school during the evening - this is for Year 6 and their parents only. The premises will be too crowded with other visitors to allow for casual sightseeing.

The next day, Friday 29 September, will be an Inset day and school will be closed to students.

Bus arrangements for Thursday will be advised to students via the bulletin as soon as they are available.

Also on the topic of travel, could parents bringing students who are assisting at Open Evening please help to counteract traffic congestion by following these directions

- approach the school only by coming up Park Hill and north along Roundwood Park
- please do not drive into the school grounds or drop students on the zigzags or double yellow lines in Roundwood Park
- drive away along Roundwood Park and Roundwood Lane, not down Park Hill

Many thanks in advance. With everyone's co-operation we can once again run this major event effectively and smoothly.

Yours sincerely

Alan Henshall
Headteacher