



**Benhall Infant School &
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Dear Families,

Thank you for your cooperation and support during the recent changes to the school day timings at St Mark's Junior School and Benhall Infant School. We appreciate that any adjustment to daily routines can take time to settle, and we are grateful for the positive and flexible way in which families have adapted.

We are pleased to share that the new arrangements have been largely successful. As with any change, a few initial teething issues are expected. One area we are continuing to monitor closely is the level of congestion outside the St Mark's school gates.

At busy times, the limited pavement space has resulted in families naturally gathering close to the entrance, which can make the area crowded. On occasion, this has led to some parents and children stepping into the road, which poses a safety concern.

To support a smoother and safer start to the day, we are encouraging St Mark's pupils to line up in a **single, orderly line against the fence**, while waiting for the gates to open at **8:35am**. We kindly ask families to support this by **spreading out along the pavement where possible and keeping the immediate gate area clear**.

At Benhall Infant School, the gates are open before **8:30am**, with classroom doors open from **8:35am** to allow for a soft start.

To further ease congestion and improve the flow of families walking to and from school, we would like to **encourage parents who have already dropped children off to walk along the opposite (residential) side of the road where possible**. This simple step will help reduce crowding along the school fence line and make movement safer for all.

Thank you once again for your understanding, patience, and continued cooperation.

With best wishes,
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