



GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Honeysuckle Survey

Firstly can we say a huge thankyou to all of you who took the time to complete and return your survey. Following this, we will be making the following changes, which will come into effect directly after the Easter Holidays.

- a) Honeysuckle Sunset will be opening until to 5.30 pm.
- b) Fees Increase– in light of the current financial climate the anticipated fee increase has been deferred until September 2022. Details of this will advised at the end of the summer term. .

General feedback from comments.

Thank you for all the lovely praising comments regarding Honeysuckle and the Honeysuckle staff, we and they are most appreciative of them.

Unfortunately due to staff logistics, we are unable to open Honeysuckle any earlier than 8.00 am or later than 5.30 pm.

We note the comments with regard to the charges for Sunrise, these will be reviewed along with fee increase and advised towards the end of the summer term.

Staff contracts are for term time only, and therefore there are no staff to run Honeysuckle during holidays. Premier Sports do offer a range of holiday provision and this can be found on the school website when available.

There were many comments relating to breakfast, not being given at breakfast club. Please note that Honeysuckle Sunrise, is NOT a breakfast club, and is not intended to be one. Due to time constraints and staff logistics it is not practical to provide a breakfast. However if you wish to send your child in with a breakfast bar or other similar breakfast item, we are more than happy to accommodate this.



From the smallest seeds, to the tallest trees, always aiming higher; Give, Grow and Aspire

Can we also clarify that at Sunset Club, children are allowed to relax and play, this includes (but not limited to), craft activities, role play opportunities for our younger users, outdoor play in the quad, (weather permitting), watching PG films, iPad's and laptops, an area is also set aside for year 5 and 6 to do homework, should they so wish, but no academic expectation is applied to the children in any way, which will hopefully also explain why you receive no report as to how your child is progressing etc.

We have noted the comments about lack of awareness of Honeysuckle. We are aware that for the past 2 years we have encouraged parents to only use Honeysuckle if absolutely needed, but as restrictions are now easing we are now in a position to encourage its use, and to facilitate the awareness of it, we will be creating an information sheet, and this will now also be included in the Registration pack, completed by all families when a child starts.

With regard to sibling discounts, we already offer a sibling discount of 10%, to all bookings made and used by siblings at the same time.

Requests were made for Honeysuckle to have a 'walk in' facility. This is not feasible due to staff : child ratios, but please be aware that you can book online a Sunrise or Sunset, subject to space availability, up to 1 hour before it starts, alternatively for Sunset, you can call the office and make later arrangements. If your child is already registered with Honeysuckle, staff will always endeavour to accommodate your child in emergency situations.

Honeysuckle can be used on an ad hoc basis, as long as your child is registered, it is not necessary to make long term block bookings. There is no fee to register your child, even if you never make a booking.

We hope the above answers any questions you may have, if not, please feel free to contact Ms Meakins, GMeakins@GoldingtonGreenAcademy.co.uk who will be able to answer most of your queries.

Once again, many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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