

9th October 2026**New school day from Monday 4 January 2027**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to confirm that the new school day at Twickenham Primary Academy will begin on Monday 4 January 2027. Planning permission was formally granted in September 2026. Our focus is now on helping families prepare for the revised timings and the associated childcare and club arrangements.

The current school day arrangements will remain unchanged for the rest of the Autumn Term 2026.

School day timings

All year groups will have a **soft start from 8:45am to 9:00am**. Please use the following finish times and collection points when planning your arrangements.

Year group	Finish time	Collection point
Reception	3:30pm	EYFS Playground
Year 1	3:30pm	Glass Doors
Year 2	3:35pm	Glass Doors
Year 3	3:35pm	EYFS Playground
Year 4	3:40pm	Glass Doors
Year 5	3:40pm	EYFS Playground
Year 6	3:40pm	EYFS Playground

Practical impacts and the arrangements to help

As outlined in our earlier communication, the timetable and curriculum will be carefully reorganised to protect teaching and learning time and maintain the rich and varied learning opportunities available to every child.

Breakfast Club

Later morning start: Breakfast Club will run from 7:45am to 8:45am, providing care until the soft start begins. The price is frozen at £6 per session, with **no extra charge for the extended provision for the year 2026/27**.

Junior Adventure Group

JAG sessions will start at each year group's new finish time and continue until **6:00pm**. We are working with JAG to finalise the arrangements. Confirmed session prices and details of the previously announced **Trust support for eligible existing JAG users** in Years 4–6 will be shared before bookings open.

TPA extra-curricular Clubs

Longer school-led clubs at the same price: TPA-led extracurricular clubs will be increasing from 45 minutes to a full hour at no extra cost to the parent/carer. **Fees for TPA-led services are frozen for the new arrangements**: existing school-led club fees will not increase in 2026/27.

Private Clubs

Private-provider clubs: providers will adapt their timetables with the new school day. Their session times, prices and collection arrangements will be set out before bookings open. The TPA price freeze applies to school-led services; private providers set their own charges.

Parent information pack and spring-term bookings

We understand that families are keen to plan ahead and secure childcare and club places. Next week, we will share a parent information pack covering the new school day, Breakfast Club, after-school wraparound care and the clubs on offer. It will also explain practical arrangements for collection and for children whose school day finishes before their club begins.

JAG booking links and any outstanding arrangements will be communicated before the relevant bookings open, so that families have the information they need before making their choices.

School Streets camera operating times

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames is progressing the formal traffic-management process to introduce revised School Streets camera operating times alongside the new school day. The proposed Monday-to-Friday operating windows are:

	Current times	Revised times
Morning	8:20am–9:00am	8:30am–9:10am
Afternoon	3:30pm–4:15pm	3:10pm–3:55pm

The Council is communicating directly with local residents as part of this process. Families living near the school may therefore receive correspondence from the Council. Please continue to follow the existing restrictions until the Council confirms that the revised times are in force.

Existing exemptions will carry over to the revised times. Blue Badge holders with an existing exemption, staff and local residents will not need to renew or reapply solely because the operating times are changing.

Supporting families through the change

We remain committed to doing right by our pupils, families, staff and neighbours, and to reducing the practical impact of this change wherever possible. Thank you to parents and carers who have already shared specific concerns; these help us understand where support may be needed.

The new school day is confirmed. If, after reviewing the information and support outlined in this letter, you still have an unresolved practical difficulty with bringing your child to school or collecting them, please [complete this form](#), explaining the specific difficulty and why the proposed arrangements do not address it. This form is only for unresolved practical issues. If you have already shared the same circumstances with us, there is no need to submit them again.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for January 2027.

Yours sincerely,



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