



Malbank School & Sixth Form College

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19th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing as a reminder about our morning arrangements after half term, and to provide an update regarding Mikro bus school transport.

A reminder that from Monday June 1st, both the front and rear gates will only open at 8.15am. As outlined in my previous communication, this decision was made following a review of the number of students arriving on site well before formal supervision begins. In order to provide clear, consistent and safe supervision for all students, we must be explicit about when the school day starts and when our duty of care begins. This also supports the introduction of our new systems, including the move to a phone-free site from September, which require a controlled and supervised entry to school.

We recognise that this change has had particular implications for students who travel on the early Mikro bus service, especially given parental reports that this bus was running significantly ahead of schedule in the mornings. Since writing to you, we have been working closely with Mikro Coaches, who have reviewed their current arrangements and apologised for this.

They have asked us to inform parents that revised timings will be introduced for the early bus from Crewe. (New timetables are attached.) In practical terms, the earlier bus run will move back by approximately 10 minutes across its stops. In addition, Mikro have given a clear commitment, (which they have already started working towards this side of half term), that buses will arrive on site after 8.00am, with their aim being to drop students no earlier than 10 minutes before the gates open.

We are pleased with the progress that has already been made and will continue to work with Mikro to ensure that timings are as closely aligned as possible with the start of the supervised school day.




For students who do still arrive before 8.15am, there remain the following options:



- Students may wait outside the school gates until they are opened at 8.15am, in line with arrangements used by many primary and secondary schools locally.
- Students may leave the immediate school site and return at 8.15am when supervision begins.
- Where appropriate, some students may choose to get off their bus in Nantwich and walk the final part of the journey to school with friends, this is already common practice for many of our students who use public (Stagecoach) bus routes.

Thank you in advance for your support as we move to a clearer and safer start time for all students.

Yours,

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