



The Royal School

Wolverhampton

16th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about a change to our afterschool care provision from September 2026.

When we adjusted the timings of the school day last year and brought the end of the day forward by 30 minutes, we recognised that this would require some families to make changes to their usual arrangements. To support parents through that transition, we introduced a 30-minute “Stay and Play” session at the end of the day. This was initially provided free of charge to help families adapt, and this year we have continued to offer that short session as a paid provision.

Having now reviewed the use of this session over time, it is clear that demand has reduced significantly and that the provision is no longer used by enough families for it to remain a valuable or cost-effective part of our offer. As a result, **from September 2026 we will no longer run the Stay and Play 1 session.**

This means that our after-school provision from September will be as follows:

Afterschool Prep 1: 3.15pm to 4.15pm

[Stay and Play 2: 4.15pm to 4.45pm for pupils attending a free after-school club]

Afterschool Prep 2: 4.15pm to 5.30pm, available when booked alongside Prep 1 or following a free after-school club

As now, families will be able to book both Prep sessions as required in the usual way.

We believe this is the right decision in light of current levels of demand, and it will also allow us to focus our staffing and resources where they can have the greatest benefit for children and families — particularly within our free after-school clubs and our wider Prep provision.

We are very conscious, however, that a small number of families may still find this change difficult. Where this is the case, I would encourage parents to contact the school so that we can understand individual circumstances and consider what

support may be possible. We are keen to continue working with families in a way that is supportive and responsive to need.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us as we continue to refine our provision for the benefit of the whole school community.

Yours sincerely,



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