



OUR REF :

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DATE: Thursday 26th June 2025

To: Parents of ALL students of our school and parents of new admissions for the Academic Year 2025-2026

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO SCHOOL TIMINGS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. We are writing to inform you about a change in school timings for the next Academic Year 2025-2026 that is being introduced starting 25th August 2025. We are committed to providing a good quality education for our children and this change is part of our drive to do this.

LET'S GO BACK TO A LITTLE HISTORY

Going back to a little history: When the new Friday timings were introduced for all private schools in Dubai to finish at 12:00 pm, our school did not extend timings to any of the other school days (Monday to Thursday) as was seen in many other private schools across the emirate.

WHY THIS CHANGE NOW?

- 1) The Ministry of Education has made some statutory changes for the Academic Year 2025-2026 which all private schools have to comply with.
- 2) An additional Arabic A lesson of 40 minutes has been introduced for Arabic A students of years 5 & 6.
- 3) Moral Education and UAE SST will now be taught in Arabic for ALL ARABIC A students. This will also be one lesson of 40 minutes per week. UAE SST is for years 2-10 and Moral Education is for years 2-13.
- 4) Several parents and students, particularly primary parents have been requesting for a slightly longer break time, so children have enough time to finish their food.

- 5) Our current official timings are 7:10 am to 1:40 pm. (Monday to Thursday) and 7:10 am to 11:55 am (Friday). In order for us to be fully compliant with all NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, we are introducing an extended timing of ten minutes from Monday to Thursday.
- 6) The new timings will be 7:10 am to 1:50 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 7:10 am to 11:55 am (Friday). All students must be on the premises by 7:05 am sharp as the morning Assembly begins at 7:10 am.

We have not taken this decision lightly, but a lot of thought and discussion has taken place. We trust that you understand that this change will support us all towards being fully compliant as well as providing our children with a slightly extended break time (Monday to Thursday),

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

