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Changes to the school day length

Dear Parents,

The Department for Education (DFE) have made changes to the statutory school day length which must be in place by September 2023.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/length-of-the-school-week-minimum-expectation>

But in summary:

The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end of the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time and any extra-curricular activities that all pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional before or after school provision.

In order for us to do this we need to move our morning registration earlier. At present we open the doors at 8.45 leaving a window of 15 minutes to arrive at school before registration at 9am. We will change this so that registration takes place at **8.45am**. We will open our doors at **8.40** for children to enter and start straight away onto their learning activities. This model has been trialed in other Trust schools and is working very efficiently now.

We will initiate this change from after the Easter break – **from Monday 17th April**. Whilst we transition and get used to this time change we will allow a little flexibility with the close of registration with the aim that we will fully be using this timetable from the May half term onwards to ensure we are ready for the statutory changes.

The end of the day will be **3.15** for **all** pupils from this date. If your child attends Breakfast Club for breakfast they will need to arrive before 8.20 daily in order to have time to be served and eat. We will send out reminders nearer the time and during the transition period.

Many thanks for your support,

Louise Hussey

Executive Headteacher