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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The government's education white paper has set out a requirement regarding the legal length of school day. Please read below for info:

The white paper **Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child** sets out this expectation, and state-funded mainstream schools currently offering a school week of below 32.5 hours must increase their hours to provide at least 32.5 hours by September 2023 at the latest.

### Summary of legal requirements and expectations

All schools maintained by the local authority and special schools not maintained by the local authority are required to:

- Meet for at least 380 sessions or 190 days during any school year to educate their pupils
- Operate two sessions on every school day divided by a break in the middle of the day (lunch)
- By September 2023, all state-funded, mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours.

The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. from when morning registration is taken) to the official end to 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.

**Currently, we do NOT meet the legal requirement. This means we have to increase the length of our school day. Currently, our eligible hours run from 9am (when register opens) to 3.15pm = total 6.25 hours / day - 31.25 hours per week.**

Therefore, we are legally required to add 1.25 hours per week (15 mins per day) to each school day from Sept 23.



**In order to meet the legal requirements, we are implementing the following changes from September 2023:**

Current arrangement	New arrangements from Sept 23
Doors open 8.50am	Doors open 8.45am
Register 9.00am	Register 8.50am
School ends 3.15pm	School ends 3.20pm

These changes mean we gain an additional 10 minutes teaching time each morning (between 8.50am and 9am) and an additional 5 minutes teaching time at the end of the day (from 3.15pm to 3.20pm). These new arrangements mean we will meet the legal requirements.

We will also be moving the lunch hour from 12.15pm-1.15pm to 12.00pm-1.00pm. This change enables us to arrange the timetables better to ensure the full curriculum can continue to be taught well.

We appreciate that these changes may initially cause some issues, however, it is a legal requirement that we make these changes. It is important that children arrive earlier in the morning, ready for register at 8.50am (not 9am as currently). Children arriving after 8.50am will be classed as late under the new arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your support of these changes.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Elcock  
Headteacher