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Dear Families,

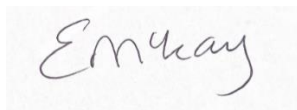
I am writing to inform you of a change to the structure of the school day starting from September. This adjustment aligns with the recent Government recommendation for all mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week (or 6.5-hour days) by September 2024.

Currently, the official start time in our school is 9 a.m., children who arrive after this time are classified as late. The doors open at 8:50 a.m., ensuring children are fully prepared for learning by 9 a.m. The vast majority of our school community is registered for this established start time.

In compliance with the requirement for a minimum of 32.5 hours of schooling per week, **we will extend the school day by 5 minutes starting from September. Therefore, the new official start time for all students will be 8:55 a.m.** (any arrivals after 8:55 a.m. will be considered late.) There will be no changes to the current school day end time of 3:25 p.m. In line with the new start time, we will therefore open will open the doors at 8:45 a.m. allowing children adequate time to settle in and prepare for the upcoming day's learning activities.

Your understanding and cooperation during this transition to the revised timetable are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,



Elizabeth McKay
Headteacher

