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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with regards to important changes to the school day.

Currently our school day formally begins at 8:50am, with the doors opening at 8:40 to provide a ten-minute window for your child to come into school. EYFS and KS1 finish the school day at 3:15pm and KS2 finish at 3:20pm.

The Department for Education has produced new guidance which strongly recommends that all pupils are in school for a minimum of 32.5 hours a week. Currently, our younger pupils fall short of this.

Therefore, in consultation with the governors of the school, we will be slightly extending the school day for **all** pupils. This means that from **Monday 29th April**, the school day will formally begin at **8:45am**. The doors will continue to be opened at 8:40am. This will give a five-minute window for children to arrive in time for the start of lessons.

I appreciate that this will make the mornings a little busier than they are currently. However, almost all our pupils already enter the building by 8:45am. Prior to Covid, all children entered the school at the same time and this did not present with any issues.

It is very important that all our children are punctual for school. Missing a few minutes each day is extremely detrimental, as this can add up to significant lost learning over time. It is also disruptive for your child and other children when they enter the classroom late. We want all children to start the day positively, on time and ready to learn for the day ahead.

Please note that the end of the school day will **not** change.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. G. Reynolds
Headteacher