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Important changes to the school day from September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school day (including lunchtime) is 6.5 hours a day or 32.5 hours a week.

From September 2026 to improve punctuality and make the most of morning learning time we are making a slight change to the timings of the day.

From September 2026 the school day will **start at 8.45am** and finish **at 3.15pm**. This means the main gate will open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am. Children are expected to be in school by 8.45am when the gate closes. Any late comers after this time must report to the office with their child and will be registered as late.

At home time the main gate will open at 3.10pm for parents/carers to collect. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3.15pm and the gate will close at 3.20pm.

If normal arrangements for collecting your child have altered (eg. you are delayed or another person is collecting your child) please let us know via the main office. This avoids any confusion or upset.

Please note: Only children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to walk home without an adult and school must have written consent from parents before children are allowed to walk home alone. Children in these year groups are not permitted to take their younger sibling's home.

Any children cycling to/from school or using a scooter **MUST** be wearing a helmet.

After School Clubs

From September after school clubs will run from 3.15pm – 4.15pm and there will be no charge for the majority of these clubs.

A slight charge of £1 per session for cookery club (to provide cooking materials) and for any club that is delivered by an external coach – ie – Moky, Mr Wise etc.

Information regarding the clubs will be sent out on the first week back in September and will begin week commencing Monday 7th September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Douglas
Headteacher

