

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Change to School Hours - Reception to Year 6 (2025-2026)

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important change to the timings of the school day from September 2025.

Currently we open our school gates at 8:45am, allowing parents a 10-minute window for drop off, before the official start of the school day at 8:55.

However, the Department for Education's introduced a 32.5-hour minimum amount of time that a student must spend in school each week.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to include the 10-minute soft start in our school hours. This means that our school day must increase by 10 minutes each day.

We still believe in the importance of a soft start so as not to add to the traffic congestion in the morning. Consequently, to comply with the DFE requirements we are adding 10 minutes on to the end of each day.

The new hours for Reception – Year 6 from September 2025 are:

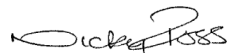
8:45-8:55 am - **Drop Off**

3:25pm - **Collection**

The change of the school day timings has been approved by the CEO and Trustees and will come into effect from September 2025.

Any questions or concerns about the changes, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Kind Regards,



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