



Thorndon C of E Primary School

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RE: Advance notice of a change to the length of the school day from 1st September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

To ensure all schools across the country are providing the same amount of time children attend school daily, The Department for Education are requiring schools to be open for 32.5 hours per week. Any changes must take effect from 1st September 2024.

The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end of the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). It does not include optional before or after school provision.

This change to the length of the school day will therefore affect Thorndon Primary and as such we will be making the following changes to the length of the school day from 1st September 2024.

The timings are very similar but please note that the start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) will be **starting at 8:50am** rather than 9am and **school will end at 3:20pm** rather than 3:15pm. Drop off at the start of the day is between 8:35-8:50am. Please ensure that your child is not left unsupervised in the playground before 8:35am as there will be no member of school staff present before this time.

To ensure that attendance marks are recorded accurately, the front gate will be closed promptly at 8:50am when the register will be taken. Please note that if your child arrives after 8:50am but before 9:10am, they will be marked as late (L) and if they arrive after 9:10am they will be marked as having an unauthorised absence (U). This is in accordance with our attendance policy.

If you have any further questions about this change, please make an appointment to speak to Mr Jones or Ms Meadowcroft,

Best wishes

Daryl Jones
Executive Headteacher

Hannah Meadowcroft
Head of School



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