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"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through Him all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Monday 5th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

By September 2023, all schools are legally expected to offer 32.5 hours of compulsory education to its pupils. As it currently stands, our school is open for compulsory education from 8:55am to 3:15pm, which means we are short by 10 minutes daily.

Therefore, to meet the government requirement, we need to add 10 minutes of compulsory education to the school day. After discussing this with staff and school governors and looking at the existing working hours of our staff, we feel that the best place to add this time is to the start of the school day. This means compulsory education would start at 8:45am.

Under our new routine, the school doors would be opened at 8:40am and the register would open at 8:45am. Children who arrive after 8:45am would be classed as late. To help us all get used to this routine, we are going to start this after the Christmas holidays from Monday 9th January. This will give us the chance to iron out any problems, and for families to get used to the new start times before September 2023. As most of you are here at 8:45am anyway, we can't envisage this causing many issues as we move forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further clarification on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield
Headteacher



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