



Ruardean Church of England Primary School

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Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Extended School Hours from September 2023.

From the **1st September 2023**, there is an expectation from the Department for Education that **all** state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours.

The white paper [Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#) sets out this expectation.

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 to the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5-hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time and any extra-curricular activities that all pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional before or after school provision.

Therefore, to allow us to deliver the required extended hours, we will be officially starting our school day **15 minutes earlier**, with morning registration at **8.45am**. The end of day (home time) will remain the same at 3.15pm.

There will be a much shorter "soft" start from **8.40am**, when doors to classrooms will open to allow children to arrive. Acorns Nursery are also going to adjust their start times to open from 8.45am

Please Note: Arrivals after **8.45am** but before **9.00am** will be recorded in the class register as **Late - before the register closes (L Code)** and arrivals **after 9.00am** (when the registration period is over), will be marked with an unauthorised absence mark as **Late – after the register closes (U Code)**, unless there is an acceptable reason for lateness.

For further information about attendance and absences, please read our [Attendance Policy](#).

Thank-you in advance for your support with these changes. If you do foresee any difficulties with the new arrangements, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Manning
Headteacher

Further Reading: GCC Information leaflet - [School Attendance - Information for Parents and Carers](#)

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