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Dear Parents and Carers,

**For The Attention of all Parents and Carers of pupils from Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6**

As you know our current school day officially starts at 8:50am, however, early last academic year we introduced a morning arrival at school system that enabled you to bring your children to school for us to take in 10 minutes earlier.

This has proved to be very popular, so much so, for some time now the vast majority of our children are now in school and actually doing some learning by 8:40am every morning which is brilliant! (Thank you)

The government published a Schools White Paper last year and the Department for Education, as part of their work to improve schools further, has stipulated that all schools need to extend their hours to run a 32.5 hour a week by September 2023. For our school this would mean adding an additional 10 minutes to our current school day.

We have considered the best way of doing this and due to the success of our earlier **optional start time** of 8:40am, we feel that this could be accomplished by simply making this our **official start time**. We also feel it is important to get this in place earlier than the final deadline of September and Transform Trust, who we will be joining later this year, are keen for all their schools to extend their hours as soon as possible. So we have decided to commence this adjustment to our start time straight after our next half term break.

As so many of you have obviously appreciated the earlier drop off option, we felt we wanted to make this further supportive to you and so have decided to also continue with the option of you bringing your children to school 10 minutes earlier than this.

**So as from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> day back after our next half term break) you are free to bring your children to school where we will take them in as from 8:30am every morning and the official start of the school day will be 8:40am.**

We appreciate a number of you have wrap around childcare providers who have your children before or after school which is why we are giving notice of this so early, to enable them to work out their own logistics to accommodate this.

We trust this will be supportive to many of you in helping you potentially get to your workplace a little earlier each morning and we certainly know the benefits every extra bit of learning will have for our children.

If any if you feel you would like to discuss this alteration to our start of the day time with us further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and someone will get back to you to. Thank you as always for your support and we look forward to having all our children receiving their full extended day entitlement in a few weeks' time.

Yours sincerely,



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