

# Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools

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Dear parents/carers,

## **Notification of a change to the school day: September 2023**

You may or may not be aware that the government indicated earlier in this academic year that:

*"By September 2023 at the latest, all state-funded, mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours."*

The DFE promised guidance to clarify this but so far this has not been forthcoming. In the light of this request, the First School Headteachers across our trust have met and considered the implication on our settings as well as those of the Middle and High schools.

As a result, we have decided to increase the hours in each first school to 8.45am until 3.15pm. This will be from when we return to school in September. Currently, our morning procedures mean that nothing has to change.

- Our gates will continue to open at 8.35am so children can enter school at 8.40am.
- Children will be ready to begin lessons at 8:45am.

**Our morning procedures will remain as they currently are in September.** Please note that you must stay with your child until their class teacher/TA are present on the yard.

Reception children will continue to enter school via the reception class door as usual.

The school bus service have been notified and morning pick up times will be altered accordingly.

We have notified the Trust Board of the change as well as our feeder schools and at this point we are not aware of any issues this may cause.

If you have any queries or questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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