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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to my attention that the school is not compliant with a new legislation that has been brought in by the DFE in September 2024. The DFE have stated that all children should be in school for 32.5 hours a week and this is currently not the case due to a staggard start to the beginning and end of the school day. Please see below a link to the DFE guidance document.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2f21fbb13dc000cb2e5e1/Minimum School Week Non-Statutory Guidance.pdf

Taking this information into account, starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the school day will start at 8.45am for all children from Nursery to Year 6 and finish at 3.15pm (Nursery 3.10pm). The school gates will open at 8.30am so that children can be ready and waiting at the classroom doors. At 8.45am the staff will open the classroom doors to let the children in. If you arrive after 8.45am your child will be classed as late and they will need to enter school through the main office.

All children will need to be collected at the classroom door at **3.15pm**. (Nursery **3.10pm**). The school gates will open at 3.05pm to allow you to be at the classroom door on time to collect the children.

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Hutchinson Headteacher

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