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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to the school day from September 2023

The government released an Education White Paper in March 2022, setting out its vision for education for this decade. In this, the government announced its intention for all schools to have a school week which is at least 32.5 hours in length by September 2023. Currently, Pilgrim is just slightly short of these hours.

In September, in order to meet this expectation, we will be adjusting the starting time of the morning session by opening registration 5 minutes earlier each day.

From September these will be the school opening times:

8:40 am External gates open to the playgrounds

8:45 am **REGISTRATION OPENS** - children enter school and go to class

8:55 am **REGISTRATION CLOSSES**

Please note that this means that any pupil **arriving after 8.55 am will be arriving LATE** after registration closes.

Other timings during the day

All other timings remain the same in school. All children will have a 15 minute morning breaktime and a 50 minute lunchtime which will enable them to eat their lunch and also have some social time with their friends. Some of our younger children may also have a short afternoon break as required.

The end of the day collection time will remain the same at 3:15 pm.

This slight adjustment of the opening time will enable us to meet the government requirement to be open for 6.5 hours per day (32.5 hours weekly) and I am sure it won't take us long to get used to this small change.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Meek

Headteacher