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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Change to the start time in accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) directive

I am writing to let you know that from September 2023 the start of the school day will change; this is a requirement by the Department for Education for all schools and academies to provide a school week of a minimum of thirty-two-and-a-half-hours. The following extract is from a paper published by the DfE:

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

[Minimum expectation on length of the school week: information note \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

To comply with this directive, we will change the start of the school day for pupils and students to 8.30am each day:

			Total hours
Monday	8.30am	3.00pm	6.5 hours
Tuesday	8.30am	3.00pm	6.5 hours
Wednesday	8.30am	3.00pm	6.5 hours
Thursday	8.30am	3.00pm	6.5 hours
Friday	8.30am	3.00pm	6.5 hours
Total hours			32.5 hours

I have been in discussion with the Senior Leadership Team, Faculty Leaders and Pastoral Leaders on proposals to extend registration time, increase the length of lesson time and possibly introduce a Core Skills Study period. All members of staff have been consulted on the proposals and the next stage is to present the proposal to the Governing Body. In addition, we will inform the Yellow Bus company so the school bus service can make any adjustments with our partner schools who are also having to amend their timings. Once the structure of the school day is finalised, I will write to all parents and carers to provide you with the detail.

Yours sincerely

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