



GILLIBRAND Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs A Clayton

Thursday 20th October 2022

Changing School Opening Hours- From September 2023.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The government white paper "Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child" sets an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest. This will bring those schools that are under the current average up to the minimum expectation of 32.5 hours.

As a school we do not officially meet these requirements, therefore the length of the school day will need to increase by 20 minutes from September 2023.

Discussions took place at a recent governors' committee meeting as to how to extend the school day to accommodate the required changes while minimising disruption for parents. It was agreed that the best course of action would be that, from September 2023, school should start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. This would make the length of each day six-and-a-half hours and meet the new statutory requirement.

We are therefore encouraging you all to aim to get your children to school on time, as since the start of September we have had 136 late arrivals (after 9 am). Doors now open at 8:45 am, in preparation for officially starting the day at this time from September 2023, so we have nearly a full school year ahead of us, to aim for all children being at school for 8.45 am at the latest.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Clayton (Mrs)
Headteacher

