



Goldsmith Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Update: Extension to the School Day

I am writing to inform you of an important change to the school day at Goldsmith Primary Academy, following **updated guidance from the Department for Education (DfE)**. As part of a national requirement, the DfE expects all mainstream state-funded schools to provide a minimum school week of **32.5 hours** (or **6.5 hours per day**) by the end of **September 2024**. To meet this requirement, we will need to extend the length of our school day.

Key Details of the Change:

- **New End Time: Starting Monday, 23rd September**, the school day will end at **3:20 pm**, which is 10 minutes later than our current end time.
- **Gates Opening Time:** Gates will open at **3:19 pm** to ensure a smooth and timely dismissal.
- **Gates Closing Time:** The gates will close promptly at **3:30 pm** for safety and security.
- **After School Clubs:** These will continue to run from **3:20 pm to 4:20 pm**, with no change in timing.

Please note that the start of the school day will remain unchanged. Gates will open at 8:40 am and close at 8:55 am, with registration beginning at 8:50 am.

We understand that even a small adjustment to the school day can impact family routines. However, this change is mandated by the DfE and **is beyond our control**. All state-funded schools must comply with this requirement to ensure every child benefits from a full and consistent educational experience.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this change. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for both students and families, and we are confident that the additional time will enhance our pupils' learning and development.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support of Goldsmith Primary Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Wakeman
Headteacher