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Dear parents and carers,

As you know this year, we have altered our school day timings to open at 8.45am and close at 3.15pm, in line with the DfE guidance which requires all schools to provide a minimum of 32.5 hours education a day.

Prompt start

From January we will be opening the doors as usual at 8.45am, but closing the doors at 8.50am. This is because we have a large number of children arriving late, which means that they are not accessing education for the full 32.5 hours each week and are missing out on vital learning. Children begin learning as soon as they come into the classroom, so it is crucial that they do not regularly miss the beginning of the day, as this will have an adverse effect on their progress.

Picking up promptly

We are beginning to have a growing number of children who are regularly picked up late at the end of the day.

Our learning support staff finish work at 3.15 and teachers have directed time after school when they are involved in professional development meetings, planning learning, assessment and running after school clubs.

If parents and carers are more than a few minutes late, children are taken to stand outside the office whilst our admin staff try and make contact with parents. This can take up a large amount of time and is becoming increasingly more difficult to manage, with the number of children who are being picked up sometimes up to 40 minutes after school ends.

Other schools in the area have started to charge parents if they are regularly late to pick them up.

We do not want to go down this route and we hope that parents who are regularly late will in future make better efforts to pick up on time and be more considerate to the staff this is impacting on.

Parking

I'm sure that everyone would agree that the driving and parking around school is becoming progressively more and more dangerous.





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I have witnessed drivers speeding, mounting the kerb and parking in such ridiculous spaces that it means parents with pushchairs, or children in wheelchairs are unable to access and use the footpaths safely.

It is a miracle that a serious accident has not yet occurred and I would like to appeal to all parents who park and drop off on Myers Lane outside school, to be more considerate, and ideally to set off a little bit earlier and park further away.

Thank you for your continued support,

A Summerscales
Headteacher

