



Sitwell Infant School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a small change to the start of the school day here at Sitwell Infant School. This change is being made in line with recent Government recommendations and will be a statutory expectation from September 2024.

As you know, we have encouraged children and families to arrive at school at 8.45am for many years now; but currently the official start time in our school is 9am. Any child arriving after 9.05am is classified as late.

From September 2024, schools have to offer a minimum of 32.5 hours schooling each week and in order to formalise this offer the official start time for all children at Sitwell Infants will move to 8.45am. **To support parents with managing the drop offs; we are going to open the school doors at 8.40am each day.** Anyone arriving after the register has been completed at 8.50am will subsequently be classified as late.

We do expect that all children will arrive on time to have the register taken at 8.45am each day.

Where there are consistent concerns about a child's lateness, meetings will be held with our Attendance Team, which may include support from the Local Authority Attendance Officers.

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education. By starting our school day earlier, we are able to provide the children with additional, valuable learning time that will have a positive impact on their learning and development.

We do not see that there will be any disruption for the vast majority of our parents or children, as most children are already on site at 8.45am every morning. However, if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Peart
Headteacher



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