



## Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Next term we will be changing the length of the school day to ensure we are compliant with the DFE requirements. The latest government white paper 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child' sets out this expectation, and state-funded mainstream schools should offer 32.5 hours a week by September 2023 at the latest.

All schools maintained by the local authority and special schools not maintained by the local authority are required to:

- Meet for at least 380 sessions or 190 days during any school year to educate their pupils
- Operate two sessions on every school day divided by a break in the middle of the day 2

From September 2022, all state-funded schools are expected to publish their opening times on their school website.

- The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end to the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time).
- The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time and any extra-curricular activities that all pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional before or after school provision.

In order to meet the above requirements, we will be making the following changes to the school day:

- **8.40am-8.50am: Soft opening**, children can arrive from 8.40am.
- **8.50am- Registration** (Gates close, any children arriving after this time are to report to the school office and will be marked as late).
- **3.15pm- End of school day**

These slight tweaks will allow us to take the school day to the right amount of hours. These new times will start in the Summer term, **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

Best wishes,



Mrs Godbold