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Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: The School Day from September 2024**

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to inform you about a change regarding the previously announced adjustment to the school day timings from September 2024. Initially, we communicated that we would extend the school day to meet the government's minimum expectation of 32.5 hours per week. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen complications with bus schedules, we have had to reverse this decision for September 2024.

Despite our hard efforts, the buses are not able to change their schedules to match the new times. This is frustrating for all concerned as a huge amount of planning had gone into the consultation and planning for September.

We believe that on balance, the small gains we would have achieved by extending form time and social times are not sufficient if some of our students are unable to make their journey home easily at the end of the longer school day. This would have been particularly problematic during the winter months.

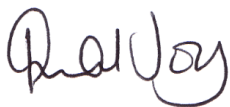
**It is for this reason that our current school day will not change in September and will remain as follows:**

**Start time: 8:35am                      End time: 2:45pm**

We understand that you may have already changed your family routines to match the proposed longer school day. Please be assured that the extensive after school offer will enable your child to remain in school beyond 2:45pm, if required. We encourage all students to access the enrichment opportunities and study support after school to extend their school day and welcome parental support in this area.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K Grewal-Joy  
Headteacher

