



NEWNHAM ST PETER'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CHANGING THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding our school hours.

Following the Department for Education's recommendation to extend school hours to 32.5 per week, we will be implementing changes to our school schedule.

They are as follows:

- Our new school hours will be from **8:45** am to **3:15** pm, starting from September 2024.
- The school gates will open at 8:30 am. As usual, children will line up in the playground. Teachers will be on hand to pick up the children at 8:40 am and escort them to their classrooms in time for **registration at 8:45** am. Please note that our register will be taken promptly at 8:45 am.

This increase will ensure that we meet the Department for Education's new minimum expectation of a **32.5-hour (or 6.5-hour days)** school week.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education. Evidence shows that additional school time can have a positive impact on pupil outcomes when used effectively. For example:

- More time for academic tasks can significantly impact pupil attainment.
- Taking part in sport or cultural activities can complement and reinforce curriculum teaching.
- Personal development opportunities can benefit pupils' mental and physical wellbeing and social engagement – supporting improved attendance and behaviour.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements and may require some adaptation. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition period.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the changes to our school hours, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aga Przybylska', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms Aga Przybylska