



RED LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In March 2022, the government released new guidance regarding the minimum expectation for the length of a mainstream school week. Current guidelines state that the school week must be a minimum 32.5 hours. Whilst we have always met this minimum expectation at Red Lane, our aim is to give our children as much learning time and support as possible.

Over the previous two years, we have started to open the school doors at 8:40am to reduce incidents at the beginning of the day and provide pupils with a calmer, more settled start. This has also meant pupils have more learning time in school. We have seen a clear benefit of this on learning and progress. Therefore we have continued with the 8.40am start. We have found that the majority of pupils have been arriving in class at this time and therefore in order to maximise learning and minimise disruption, arrival after 8.50am will be through the main office.

The start of our school day is a vital time for all of our children. It provides staff with time to welcome each child into the classroom, check-in with the children and review previous learning. The first 15 minutes of every day is used to provide children with an opportunity to review learning from the previous day, work with staff to tackle any misconceptions identified from the previous day's lessons and to take part in additional intervention/ booster activities.

We welcome your support in ensuring children are in school by 8.50am at the latest.

Mr R Hudson
Head of Inclusion & Attendance

