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Requirement to change the time/length of the school day from September 2024

I am writing to inform you of a change to the timings of the school day at Iver Village Infant Academy from **Wednesday 4th September 2024**. You may be aware that the Government produced a White Paper earlier in 2022: ***Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child***. In this White Paper, it sets out the expectation that schools should provide at least 32.5 hours per week of schooling for its pupils. This will allow us to offer your children more time in school and more opportunities to learn skills.

Having looked into the best way to achieve this, with as little disruption to childcare or working arrangements and taking into account the fact that many of our families are spread across our school and Iver Village Junior School, we will be making the following amendments to the times of the school days from September 2024.

Currently, our school day begins at 8.55 am and ends at 3pm, totalling in 30 hours per week of school. Having reviewed the times for the official, compulsory school day for September 2024, we have found we need to extend our day by 30 minutes daily in order to provide 32.5 hours per week of school.

Having looked into the best way to achieve this, with as little disruption to childcare or working arrangements, we will be making the following amendments to the times of the school days:

The gates will open at **8:35 am** and will close at **8:50 am** when the school day begins. Children can arrive at any time during that 15-minute period. Any child arriving after this time should enter through the front office and will be marked as an unauthorised late in the register.

The new time for the end of the school day will be **3:20 pm**. The gates will open at **3:15 pm** and will be locked at **3.30pm**. All children are to be collected as per the usual procedures. Any children not collected after 3.30pm will be placed into wraparound care.

The changes will take place from the start of the new school year in September 2024 and will bring us in line with our partner schools across The Park Federation, providing 32.5 hours of learning per week. We are confident these changes will allow us to continue offering your children the best possible experience in school.

Please note that Nursery times will remain unaffected.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please email the school office.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'G. Gooch'.

Mrs G Gooch
Principal