

Dear Parents,

26th May 2023

I am writing to inform you of the planned change to the school day at Rural Church Schools Academy Trust. This proposed change is in line with recent Government recommendation and has been agreed by the Board of Directors of RCSAT following the recent consultation.

As you will be aware over the past four weeks, we have consulted on the school opening hours. Earlier this year the government announced that schools in England should offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours as part of a package of reforms aimed at raising standards. Most schools already deliver a 32.5 hours school week, which is equivalent to 8.45am to 3.15pm from Monday to Friday.

From September 2023, the school opening times for Warmingham CE Primary will be 8.45am -3.15pm.

Gates will open in the morning at **8.30am** with children able to go straight into the classroom where their 'early work' can be completed, as they do now. A member of staff will continue greet you at the woodland gate.

Registers will be taken at 8.45am and gates will close promptly. Children will be marked as late if they arrive after this time. The woodland gate will open at the end of the day at 3.05pm.

Children can be collected from their usual door at **3.15pm**. Once collected we ask that families leave the school site as quickly as possible to aid with the congestion in the carpark.

I appreciate the proposed changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements. These changes will be beneficial to the school community bringing us into line with the government White Paper proposal that all schools deliver a standard school week of 32.5 hours which is aimed at having a positive effect on your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

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