

# Cheapside CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In February 2024, the government (under the previous administration) announced new regulations around the length of the school day. The expectation is that all state-funded mainstream schools deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2024:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/length-of-the-school-week-minimum-expectation>

At Cheapside School, Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5&6) are already at 32.5 hours a week; the rest of the school, however, is currently under by 10 minutes a day. As a result of this, we are making a couple of changes to the timings for the rest of the school in order to increase the day for children from Reception to Year 4 by 10 minutes per day.

The new timings are as follows:

Class	Start Time	End Time
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	8:40 am	3:10 pm
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	8:50 am	3:20 pm

We will be opening the gates in the morning at 8:30 am to facilitate a 'soft start' and to help ease congestion on the roads around the school, so children arriving for an 8:40 am start can be dropped off from this time. As previously, if you have a child in both Reception/Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2 you may drop-off at the earlier time and pick-up at the later time e.g. if you have a child in Year 2 and Year 4 you may drop both children off at 8:40 am and pick both children up at 3:20 pm.

The government are also bringing in some changes around fining for lateness and unauthorised absences and we will be communicating further details about this in the new academic year. In the meantime, you can find information about it here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-regulations-for-schools-in-next-stage-of-attendance-drive>

May we take this opportunity to wish you a safe and sunny summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

**The Senior Leadership Team**