



# Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School

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## Deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write on behalf of Kingsnorth CE Primary School to give you the most up to date information with regards to changes being enforced by the Department for Education (DfE). We will be adjusting the 'school day', beginning 5 minutes earlier.

As you may be aware In the [Schools White Paper](#) (published in March 2022), the government announced that in order to give every pupil the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential, all mainstream, state-funded schools would be expected to deliver a minimum school week of 32.5 hours.

This has meant that the school and the Governors have had to reflect on the proposals and ensure that Kingsnorth meets the expectation. Currently the school does NOT meet this expectation and therefore there has been much discussion around how best to do this.

It has been decided to alter the start times at the beginning of the school day, bringing us back in line with the timings we had pre-lockdown. The changes to the timings will take effect from the first day of Term 5 after the Easter Holidays – Monday 15 April 2024

### The timings of the school day will be:

**8:45am – 3:15pm** – The School Day

**8:35am** – School gates opened

**8:40am** – Classroom doors opened – children can enter their classrooms

**8:45am** – Registers taken and lessons begin

School gates closed promptly – ALL parents/carers off site

Parents are warmly welcomed to wait with their children in the playground.

From 8:40am all children can enter their classrooms. Please **do not** escort your children into the classroom as it adds to the morning congestion. Any questions or queries in the morning should be directed to the school office as teachers need to focus on the children in the classroom. Lessons begin promptly at 8:45am although learning may well start before this time. Breakfast club timings are NOT affected by these changes.

### Timings for lateness:

**8:45am** – School gates closed – **ALL** parents/carers off the playground

– Children arriving after this time will need to enter via the main office

– Parents **MUST** sign your child in and declare a school meal choice.

**8:55am** – Children will be marked as late

**9:00am** – After this time children be marked as absent for the morning session as per DfE guidance



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Timings for the end of the school day will remain **unchanged**.

The school gates will be opened by 3:10pm. All children should be collected by their parents or carers from their classrooms. **School officially ends at 3:15pm.**

Your oldest child will make their way through the school to their younger siblings' classroom. We ask that you stand well back from the classroom door, as this keeps visibility high and enables the class teacher to ensure your child/children go to their responsible adult safely.

We warmly encourage all parents to continue to work with us to ensure that children are at school where ever it is reasonably possible.

We hope that you can continue to support the school in our drive for improvement and work with us for the benefit of your children.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I Witts

Mr C Myers

## Timings of the School Day

The day

8.45am - 3.15pm

Break

10.15am - 10.30am

Lunch

11.45am - 1.15pm

Break (KS1 only)

2.15pm - 2.30pm



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