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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a **change** to the **start time** of the school day for children in **Years One, Two, Three and Four**. During the pandemic, a decision was made to introduce a 'soft start' between 08:45 and 08:55 to limit the number of people accessing the yard at the same time. This was an effective and sensible measure that had many benefits but, as we move away from the restrictions of the pandemic, **this need has now gone**.

At the start of this school year, we trialled a change of the start time to **08:45** for our **Year Five and Six** children. This model has been very successful. It has enhanced learning time and made the start of the day run more smoothly. We have found that the majority of children are in the yard ready to start the day at 08:45 anyway and, by having children in class earlier, we are able to maximise learning time.

Therefore, **after half-term**, for all children in **Years One** up to **Six**, the school day will start at **08:45** sharp. Children will need to be lined up in the yard by no later than 08:45 when the doors will open. The **start time** for **Early Years** remains the **same**.

Class	Start Time
Nursery	09:00 (Doors shut at 09:05)
Reception	08:45 (Doors shut at 08:55)
Years One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Six	08:45 (Doors shut at 08:50)

The doors for **Years One** to **Six** will remain open until **08:50** so this should allow you time to drop off if you have children across multiple year groups. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,
Mr Routledge

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J Routledge'.