

18th July 2022

Dear Parents,

The Department for Education has set minimum expectations for schools to provide a compulsory school week of 32.5 hours. At present Kirk Fenton does not meet this minimum requirement for any key stage and therefore we will need to increase our opening hours in September when we return to school.

With 230 pupils in school it is clear that we will not be able to please everyone in how we do this and therefore we have looked closely at our current school day and what would provide the best option in terms of teaching time, break times and end times.

The following sets out our new opening hours from September 2022:

Gates and classroom doors open at 08:35 for all classes

Register and lessons start at 8:45am for all classes.

Registers close at 9:00am

Lessons end and school closes at 3:15pm for EYFS and KS1 classes and 3:20pm for KS2 classes

Children arriving in school between 8:45 and 9:00am would be marked 'late before registers close' and those arriving after 9:00am would be marked as 'unauthorised absence' according to DfE guidelines.

Buses have been informed and will let families know the new pick up times for each stop in due course.

I know that this is quite a big change but hopefully it will become the new normal and we will adapt over the first term.

Kind regards,

Karen Williams
Headteacher