



Tuesday 23rd November 2022

Changes to the Timings of the School Day at The Emmaus Federation from January 2023

Dear Parent/s and Carer/s of Swineshead St Mary's CE Primary School

I am writing to you about the changes to the school opening hours from 4th January 2023.

The federation has held a consultation process with governors, parents and staff. The reason for the consultation is that it is the Department for Education expectations that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. The white paper *Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child* sets out this expectation, and state-funded mainstream schools currently offering a school week of below 32.5 hours should work towards increasing their hours to provide at least 32.5 hours by September 2023 at the latest.

The Timings of the School Day for January 2023:

- **8:35 am** **Gates open**
- **8:40 am** **School doors open**
- **8:45 am** **Lessons start**
- **3:10 pm** **Gates open**
- **3:15 pm** **Collection time**

Yours sincerely,

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