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Dear Parents,

RE: Proposed 32 ½ hour week

As you may be aware, on the 28th March 2022 the government published their [Schools White Paper, 'Opportunity for All'](#).

The Schools White Paper sets out a series of measures aimed at improving standards of education across England. One of these measures is that schools will offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours.

A 32.5-hour week equates to a six-and-a-half-hour day, Monday to Friday, or the equivalent of a school being open to pupils from 8.45am to 3.15pm each day.

In order to meet this government requirement, we propose to move the start of our school day to 8.45am from 6th September 2022 (the start of next academic year).

This means that all children would need to be in class, at their desks, ready for registration and the start of the school day by 8.45am. We would aim to ring the school bell and open the gate at 8.35am (currently 8.50am) and give children 10 minutes to enter the school and settle for their learning.

If you have any questions or comments to make about this proposal, please email us at office@ireby.cumbria.sch.uk and we will pass your comments on to governors for discussion.

Kind regards

Philippa Irving

Chair of Governors