

11th September 2014

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to you to outline a new start to the day routine for primary years (including year 6). I am aware that the opening time and closing time of the gates can cause some congestion at the start and end of day due to the growing numbers of parents and carers collecting children. To reduce congestion, we have re-designed the waiting area and, as can be seen, this work is very much well underway.

From Monday 15th September, primary school gates will open at 8:40am with children being allowed straight into school, no waiting in the yard and no lining up. As you are aware, Blackpool primary children are given a free breakfast. When the children arrive, they can go straight to their classroom where breakfast will be ready for them. The start-time of the day has not changed, therefore **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL** for 8:52am - with registration still being at 8:52am.

Reception, years 1 and 2 will still be taken to the classroom by parents and dropped off at the door.

Years 3 and 4 can go straight into school (they will be directed by the staff).

Years 5 and 6 can go straight into school, but may use the back entrance to school (as secondary children do) and go straight into school through the Year 5 and 6 playground door.

This extends the opening time of the gates and drop off times so this should make the morning drop off much easier and less congested for all. Additionally, this gives the children time to eat breakfast prior to lessons, increasing the learning time.

End of day collection remains unchanged.

If you have any questions about this, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Farley
Primary Head