



# Little Heaton C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have had a relaxing half term break and made the most of the sunshine.

I would like to update you on some changes that will be happening in school, and remind you of some of our expectations at Little Heaton.

The Department for Education has set out the expectation that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023. **This means that from September 2023, the length of the school day at Little Heaton will increase by 15 minutes.** Doors will open as usual at 8.50am, with the expectation that all children will be in school ready to learn by 9am. Our day will end at 3.30pm, with all children in Year 5 and below being collected promptly at this time by an adult. **From September, only children in Year 6 will be permitted to walk home independently, and this will only be with consent from their parent or carer.**

We realise that these changes will have an impact on our after-school provision, and we are currently working with external providers to see what we will be able to offer from September. Following feedback from the parents evening survey, we are hoping to extend our current offer, and will update you on this later this term.

We recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers and the impact this can have on all our pupils at Little Heaton. As parents, you know your child better than anyone, and it is important that you speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns or queries. If you need additional support, you are always welcome to arrange a meeting or telephone call with myself or a member of SLT.

For those parents able to take a more active role in school life, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. We will be recruiting to this position in September, but I wanted to give you some time to find out more about the role. Please read the BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR leaflet which is also available on our website.

Class teachers will be sending out newsletters in the coming weeks to update you on learning in your child's class. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter too, in order to see all the fabulous learning going on in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S Hamer

Headteacher

