



# Castleford Park Junior Academy

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Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Opening of school gates from 8:40 - 8:45am

Dear Parents,

After discussion with several parents – including at Parent Forum – it has been decided that the later opening of the school gates will be modified slightly, to allow parents to prepare for the changes. Thank you to those parents who were willing to explain their concerns, listen to justification of the importance and offer suggestions, it is appreciated. We are going to explore some of the ideas suggested and will update parents with this when we can. Please see below why we feel this change is necessary and what school are able to do to support parents with this:

### Reasons for the change

- Children are not supervised on the school playground until 8:45am when staff are on duty – before then, they are the parents' responsibility
- If an accident, or medical emergency occurred, staff would not know about this immediately
- Children on the premises without an adult and without supervision are at risk from the general public – who can also access the site at this time
- There have been several complaints from parents and disagreements between parents regarding incidents that have happened at this time of day due to the fact the children are unsupervised – these then escalate and cause problems within the school day

### How school can help

- We have a Breakfast Club that is open from 8am every day that can be booked through Parent Pay, that only costs: £2 per day
- We will again consider starting a 'Walking Bus' from a nearby point if parents are interested in this – but very few parents wanted this last time it was offered – which meant it was not financially viable
- From September, school gates will begin to open at 8:40 through to 8:45 so that all are readily open by the time 8:45 arrives. At this point some members of staff will be on duty

**The school gates will not be open before 8:30 from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June and will open at 8:40 from September.** May we also remind you that both Infant Schools already operate this policy – it is important that we are able to safeguard our pupils in the same way going forward.

If you are interested in hearing more details about a possible 'walking bus' that will have a location where pupils can be dropped off between 8:20 and 8:30 to walk to school, please complete the slip below and return it.

Kind Regards,

Miss Law

Primary Strategy  
Director

*Ms J Clarke*

Headteacher

*Miss K Law*

Deputy  
Headteacher

*Mrs J Roberts*

Assistant  
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**Possible Walking Bus beginning in September and school**

I would be interested in the possibility of a 'walking bus' in September.

Pupil Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

