

Primrose Hill Primary School



'Soft Start' & End of Day

Information for Parents & Carers

We are changing our beginning and end of day routines with a 'soft start'. The aim of this is to:

- Maximise the children's learning experiences
- Give them a more positive start to the day
- Provide opportunities for parents to have time to talk together
- Improve liaison between staff and parents and carers.
- Further reduce the number of children arriving late to school.

We have talked to the children about this today and it will begin tomorrow!

Soft Start – Beginning of the Day

Gates will open at **8:40** to allow children and parents time together in the playground. The children are still your responsibility until they come into school. Therefore, children should **not** use the Aeroball or MUGA area.

From **8:45** the **children** can make their way into their classrooms. This can happen anytime from 8:45 – 9:00 which is the official start of school. Children will be able to access early morning activities in their classroom – spelling, handwriting, problem solving, big questions, reading etc as well as having time to talk to their classroom adults informally.

Parents and Carers in Nursery, Reception and Y1 can accompany their children into their classrooms for the first part of the morning as they have been used to in Reception so far.

The playground gates will close at 9am.

End of the Day

The playground gates will open at **3:15** to allow parents and carers time to talk together and wait for their children.

Teachers will bring the children down to their lining up spaces at 3:30 - you will have seen where these are today. It is important the teacher knows you have collected your child.

Once per week, each teacher will have a designated 3:15 slot in which they will come to the playground for their 'liaison time' – time for you to talk informally to them about anything you wish.

This new system will take a while to embed but we are confident that this will improve the start and end of each day for all.

Thank you, Robin