

Houghton Primary School

The School Day

The school day begins at 8.40am when the gates. Children come straight in to school at this time and begin 'Early Bird' activities which support their learning.

Registration takes place between 8.50am and 9.00am. If children arrive later than 9.00am they will need to be signed in at the school office as 'late arrivals'. The second registration of the day is at 1.45pm. Please tell the school office why they are late. If children arrive late without their parents, we will contact parents to let them know their child was late.

The school day continues as follows:

Time	Sessions	Exceptions
9.00am	First session	
10.00am	Assemblies	
10.20am	First break time	
10.35am	Second session	
11.35am	Second break time	
11.45am	Third session	
12.45pm	Lunchtime	Reception class go to lunch at 12.30pm
1.45pm	Fourth session	
3.15pm	End of school day	Reception class can be collected from 3pm

The playground gates are locked between 9.00am and 3.00pm. All access to school during this time is via the school office entrance in Green Lane.

We ask parents to ensure that their children arrive promptly in the morning. The 'Early Bird' session between 8.40am and 9.00am is a key time in supporting children's learning and helps them to get off to a good start for the first full session at 9.00am. Our teaching assistants also use this time to help children who may need a little one-to-one or small group work to help them with their learning. This could be any child, depending on assessment of their learning from the day before. Children who arrive late will miss these additional opportunities to secure their learning.

We also ask parents to collect their children promptly at the end of the school day. Staff in our Reception class and Key Stage 1 classes will 'release' children one at a time from the classroom door on eye contact with their parents/carers. If someone different is collecting a Reception or Key Stage 1 child at the end of the day we ask parents to let the teacher or school office know. We will not let children go home with anyone else without parental permission. This includes family and friends.

Key Stage 2 children are released from the classroom to meet their parents independently. They are told to return to the classroom if they cannot find their parents in the 'normal' meeting place. If children in Key Stage 2 meet their parents or a carer off-site (e.g. in the village square, at home etc) we ask their parents to notify us of this in writing.

Children in Reception/Key Stage 1 attending the Phoenix childcare facility are collected from the classroom by the facility staff. Children in Key Stage 2 meet facility staff in the hall.

If your child attends an after school club or activity they will need to be collected promptly from school at 4.15pm (or time specified on club booking forms). Parents/carers will need to come to the main entrance (office) as the playground gates will be locked at this time.

If parents/carers are running late we ask them to contact the school office. We will keep children at school until parents/carers arrive, or tell us of alternative arrangements. We will not allow any other person to take any child unless we have parental permission.