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Dear Parents and Carers,

Change of School and Nursery Hours – Spring Term 5th January 2027

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent consultation survey or speak with me on the playground regarding the proposed changes to our school day.

As part of the Department for Education's (DfE) guidance on the length of the school week, schools are expected to provide a minimum of 32.5 hours of education each week. Currently, Hawthorns operates for 31.25 hours per week. To ensure we meet this national expectation, we will be making a small adjustment to our school day from **Tuesday 5th January 2027**.

Following the consultation and careful consideration of the feedback received, we have selected an option that best meets the needs of the majority of our families while minimising the impact on children, families and staffing arrangements.

School Opening Hours from 5th January 2027
Gates Open: 8:25am - 8:35am
Registration: 8:35am
End of the School Day: 3:05pm

Our wraparound care provision will continue to support families from 8:00am until 5:00pm.

Nursery Session Times from 5th January 2027
To support families with children attending both Nursery and School, Nursery session times will also be adjusted to better align with the school day:
AM Core Session: 8:45am - 11:45am
PM Core Session: 12:00pm - 3:00pm
All Day Session: 9:00am - 3:00pm

We appreciate that any change to daily routines requires some adjustment, and we are grateful for your understanding and support as we make this necessary change.
As always, thank you for your continued support of Hawthorns. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best education and care for all of our children.

Kind regards,

Debbie Hawkins
Head of School