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**Soft Landing – Changes to the start of the school day.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

After Half term, starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018, we will be changing the start of the day routine. Currently, children arrive on site from 8:40am and then wait on the playgrounds until 8:50am when the whistle is blown. We will be changing the routine to a 'soft landing' approach, where the children arrive in school from 8:40am and then go straight into the school building through their assigned doors. Parents are then free to leave straight away. The children's class teachers will be in the class with tasks and activities for the children to complete. We are doing this for a few reasons, as listed below:

1. Educational research has proven that this is a more comfortable and less threatening way to begin the school day.
2. It gives the teachers an opportunity to talk and bond with the children before school starts.
3. There are fewer opportunities for children to 'fall out' before the school day begins.
4. It will give parents more flexibility to drop children off within the 10 minute window and then leave promptly so wasting less of the day.
5. It will ease parking congestion outside of school, as parents are able to drop off and leave, much quicker.

The gates to the junior and infant playgrounds and the back gate will not be open until 8:40am so please do not arrive before this time. As has always been the case, Oakwood Primary Academy is not responsible for any children until our official opening hour of 8:40am. Lessons will continue to begin at 8:50am and there is no obligation for children to arrive before 8:50am, unless this is of help to you.

**Those children who attend Breakfast Club will need to enter through the front office, as the side gates and back gate will be locked.**

Kind Regards

Mrs Foyle



Headteacher: Jane Foyle

