



# School Session Times

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# School Session Times Review Sheet

Date of Review	Reviewer(s)	Comments



# The School Year and Session Times

## 1. Background

The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) Regulations 2003 apply to schools maintained by LAs and to special schools (whether or not so maintained). They make provision (among other things) for a school day which is ordinarily to be divided into two sessions (with a break in the middle), and for schools (other than nursery schools) to meet for at least 380 sessions, which equates to 190 days, during any school year.

The standard terms and conditions for teachers provide for 195 working days, of which 190 are teaching days. The remaining 5 days requires them to be available for other duties, such as training.

## 2. Schools Prevented from Meeting

Where a school is prevented from meeting it must make up lost sessions where that is reasonably practicable. Loss of sessions resulting from planned closures of a school due to building work or relocation do not constitute a school being “prevented” from meeting. If such projects risk a lack of access to the school premises for learning purposes, then governing bodies should do their best to ensure that alternative arrangements are made for the school to meet elsewhere or at another time in agreement with staff, pupils and parents.

## 3. Setting the School Day and Term

Section 32 of the Education Act 2002 states that:

- In the case of community, voluntary controlled or community special schools or a maintained nursery school: C VC S N
  - i. the LA shall determine the dates when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end;
  - ii. subject to paragraphs 7 and 8 below, the governing body determine the times of the school sessions.

## 4. Length of School Sessions

Sessions must allow sufficient lesson time to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that includes the national curriculum and Religion, Values and Ethics education. Schools are free to decide the length of each lesson but current recommendations per week are as follows:



Age	Suggested minimum weekly lesson time (hours)
5-7	21.0
8-11	23.5

The suggested minimum weekly lesson times relate to the hours during which pupils are being taught. The recommended lesson hours above include religious education but do not include the act of collective worship, nor do they include registration or breaks. Enough time should be allowed within school sessions for all these activities.

The head teacher must make information available to parents and others about the starting and finishing times of the school sessions.

**School Organisation & Useful Information (information contained in our school prospectus)**

## 5. Our School Day

Nursery	8.55am - 11.25am
Nursery Plus (Childcare Provision)	Available from 11:25am until 6pm
Reception and Year 1	8.55am - 3.05pm
Year 3 to Year 6	8.55am - 3.10pm

Lunch break is 11:50am – 12:50pm for Reception and Year 1 and 12.00pm – 12.50pm years 2 to 6.

We request that **children should not arrive at school before 8.45am** (unless attending Breakfast Club) and should be collected promptly at the end of the school day unless they are attending extra-curricular activities, or have been booked into our After School Club (BODS). Doors are closed and gates locked at 8.55am; children who arrive after this time will need to come in through the main entrance and parents will need to provide details for the late book.

If your child has an appointment and arrives after the morning bell or you are collecting your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them in/out at the school office.

Whenever possible, children living in Bangor on Dee should be encouraged to walk or cycle to school. If parents of junior children wish for them to make their own way to and/or from school, please inform a staff member so that we can update our records. Parents who live outside the village and have to use their cars to bring and collect their children



from school are asked to consider where and how they park. No car should stop on the zigzag lines, block our neighbours' driveways, or be parked on the pavement. Your consideration in this matter may prevent serious injury.

Pupils wanting to cycle to school are welcome to use the bike shelter where parents/ carers consider it safe enough for them to do so. All pupils are advised to use a cycle helmet when riding and an appropriate lock to keep the bicycle secure during the day.

Please note, the shelter is located at the front of school, but is not in an area supervised by staff. Any property lost or damaged will not be covered under the school's insurance so will be left at the owners' risk.

<b>Number of hours taught per week by child's class (excluding registration, playtime and assemblies).</b>		
<b>Child's Class</b>	<b>Hours taught per week</b>	<b>Recommended minima</b>
Reception and Y1	21.25	21.00
Year 2 to Year 6	23.75	23.50

