



# The Ryde School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last term I asked parents and carers to fill in a survey to help the school decide on its new opening times so that we are in line with the Department of Education's new ruling on the statutory hours schools need to open each day.

The options were:

## Option 1

Gates open: 8:25am  
Registration: 8:35am  
School ends: 3:05pm

## Option 2

Gates open: 8:30am  
Registration: 8:40am  
School ends: 3:10pm

## Option 3

Gates open: 8:35am  
Registration: 8:45am  
School ends: 3:15pm

The number of votes were relatively low, and the outcome was close.

These are the number of votes received:

Option 1 = 31

Option 2 = 13

Option 3 = 33

Both the teaching staff and the governors have discussed the options and they also agree that Option 3 would be the best for the children and the organisation of the school day.

Therefore the new school opening times will begin after the Easter break, which will give time for both the school to organise staffing and also to consider the opening times of the After School Club and for parents to make any child care adjustments necessary.

I would stress that the school has to abide by the Department of Education ruling and has to put the new opening times in place as soon as is practical.

If you have any difficulties with these changes, please do contact the school to discuss them and we will offer support where we are able to.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Thompson*

