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ok, many thanks for the reply.

So in short you're saying to keep the "mixed" authentication, but to secure the server down, the best path to take is to create an AD DBA group, and configure key users to be in that group?

furthermore, to leave the sa account's permissions well alone!

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Most good judgment comes from experience.
Most experience comes from bad judgment.
– Anonymous

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Hi,
in an existing instance of SQL, will changing the security authentication from SQL & Windows logins, to only windows logins cause any issues?

It will block (lock out) any attempts to access the database using the sa account (or any other SQL Login).

Also, if a database has been created with hardly any security already, are there any issues with introducing security further down the line. For

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There 'could' be substantial disruption when you introduce security. Consider a building where there were no keys necessary to enter the building and the rooms, and suddenly keys were required to enter the building, and also to enter rooms. Until everyone got all of the correct keys for their needs, there would be major disruption. However, if this was a well planned process, and appropriate keys were distributed before all the locks were install, the disruption would be minimal if at all.

example, a SQL server has been deployed already by my predecessor, with authentication in SA & windows mode, and allowing pretty much anyone access to SQL. If i was to create a DBA_Admin group and assign admin writes only to that group, will it cause any problems in a already functioning database?

Creating a domain/DBA_Admin group, providing that group login access to the server, and also placing that group in the sysadmin server role, will not cause any problems in a functioning database.

The problems will occur as you start locking down and removing permissions from the sa account. And you 'should' do that. Applications should not be using the sa account for database access since the sa account can do 'anything' with and to the server.

TIA