

Monday 20th January 2025

Proposed Changes to School Hours - Consultation

Dear School Community

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the school hours from after Easter 2025.

The government has updated its guidance on the length of the school day, requiring schools to offer a minimum of 32.5 hours per week by September 2024. This is just guidance and is not a statutory requirement. In order to comply with the guidance we need to extend our school day by an additional ten minutes. To prepare for this, we have been trialling an earlier start in Year 6 since September 2024. I now feel confident this is the best way to extend the school day and would now like to roll this out across our whole school.

Here are the proposed changes:

- **Start Time: The school start time will be 8.45am which is ten minutes earlier than our current start time of 8.55am**
- **End Time: This will not change and we will be finishing each school day at the usual time of 3.15pm**

These adjustments aim to ensure the whole school aligns with the government's guidance whilst minimising disruption to the overall structure of the day.

Consultation Period

We value your input and your feedback is essential in our decision-making process. The consultation period will be open from Monday 20th January and close on Monday 10th February. Please share any comments, questions, or concerns regarding these proposed changes

Your thoughts matter and we appreciate your support in shaping the future of our school. We will consider all responses during the consultation period and a final decision will be communicated to you before our February half term break.

Any changes will be implemented in the summer term 2025

Yours sincerely

Mr D Harrison