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Proposed Changes to the School Day: September 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

The government's 2022 white paper, 'Strong schools with great teachers for your child' (March 2022) lays out plans for mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week, or 6.5-hour day for each child.

Although this is currently an 'expectation' rather than a requirement we are keen to enable this offer for all of our pupils over a period of time.

Our first step to achieving this is to consult our community on extending our school day.

We propose that, from September 2023, our school day shall start at the slightly earlier time of 8.30am, and end at the current finishing time of 2.45pm.

This shall extend morning registration time by an additional 10 minutes per day, adding 50 minutes per week. We feel that this time will be of great benefit to our pupils and students, and will include include additional pastoral support time for pupils, addressing their pastoral needs in even greater depth, supporting other key areas of Personal Development, and the development of reading skills.

We are committed to liaising with our school community on this proposal. If you have any feedback to offer on this potential change we would be grateful if you could take time to complete the form within the following link before Monday 5th June.

https://forms.office.com/e/8CFxuVY4Xg

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Watson

Assistant Headteacher,













