



19th June 2017

Summary of Feedback Provided by Parents Regarding the Proposed Shorter School Week

Dear Parents/Carers

The consultation for the shorter school week has now ended and I would like to thank everyone who has put forward their thoughts and views throughout this period of time.

Below are some of the queries and concerns raised by parents:

Working parents will struggle to make the 1.15pm collection time due to work commitments and lack of childcare.

- There will be childcare provision between 1.15 and 3.15pm to cater for working parents. The school will require proof of your working hours to enable you to use this provision.

Concerns raised around the impact on children who have to stay behind on a Friday when their friends leave before them. Parents are worried these children will feel singled out and discriminated against.

- The school will work with the children who stay over on a Friday afternoon to ensure their personal and welfare needs are met. If there are individual issues we will discuss these with the parents, and work with them to ensure our children do not feel different.

Are children receiving the same/less/more teaching time with proposed changes? – Timetable requested.

- There is no legal requirement for teaching time in schools. The recommendation is that children in Key Stage 1 should receive 21 hours and children in Key Stage 2 should receive 23 hours. With the changes, the children in Key Stage 1 will be receiving 24 hours and 30 minutes and in Key Stage 2 children will be receiving 25 hours.

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Concerns raised around perceived reduced hours of class time for children and how this can raise standards?

- The children will be consistently receiving their education from their class teacher as opposed to a range of people when PPA time is being covered by others.

Concerns raised around the reduced lunchtime and children having enough time to eat.

- We have monitored how long the children take to eat their lunch, and we can assure you that children will have enough time to eat and also enjoy time on the playground during the allocated lunch period.

Questions were raised about the Good to be Green praise assembly on Friday afternoon – would this take place at another time in the week?

- Good to be Green praise assemblies will continue in our schools and will be provided at a different time for the children.

Trial period suggested.

- We intend to review this as an ongoing process, however a formal review of our provision will be carried out at the end of the year. Any changes and adjustments will be made accordingly.

I can confirm that the Trust Board have met to discuss each point raised and have reached a decision that the shorter school week will go ahead.

From Tuesday 5th of September, on return from the Summer break, the following will apply:

- Start of the school day will commence at 8.40am and will finish at 3.15pm - Monday through to Thursday.
- All children will finish school at 1.15 pm every Friday. This will allow staff to have their Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time on Friday afternoon.
- There will be childcare provision for working parents on Friday from 1.15pm to 3.15pm.

Please note that all Nurseries and Schools within our Trust who have a 2's provision, will operate as normal on Fridays.

The Trust will monitor the impact of the shorter week throughout the year, and make any necessary changes.

May I thank you all for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



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