



Hall Green School An Academy

Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils

I recently wrote to you about a proposal to change the school day from September. I received feedback from over 300 pupils and nearly 150 parents and carers as well as from school staff and the Governing body. The vast majority of those who responded were in favour of the changes outlined in the proposal and I can therefore confirm that we will be switching to the new schedule for the school day from September:

| Day | End of day | Length of form |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday | 3.25 pm | 40 minutes |
| Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday | 3.15 pm (same as this year) | 25 minutes (same as this year) |
| Friday | 2.45 pm | No form |

The main benefits of this change are:

1. Improvement in the quality and consistency of fortnightly PSHE lessons during Monday form time.
2. The addition of a fortnightly, 40 minute guided reading session during Monday form time.
3. An earlier finish on a Friday afternoon.

Although the vast majority of parents were in favour of the changes, some concerns were raised and I'd like to address these concerns below.

| Concern raised | Response |
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| <i>The change will mean a reduction in lesson time.</i> | This change will not lead to any lost learning time. The opposite is actually the case as we will no longer need to hold PSHE sessions during timetabled lessons – something we have done for the last three years. |
| <i>The change will make it difficult for families on a Friday with pick ups</i> | We acknowledge that for some families, pick-ups will be more difficult on a Friday. Therefore, pupils who choose to will be allowed to stay in school until 3.15 on a Friday. An after school session will run in the library for those pupils who need to stay in school until 3.15. |
| <i>Finishing times should be 3.20 Monday to Thursday and 2.45 on a Friday.</i> | This would not allow us to run PSHE or the guided reading on a Monday as form time would not be long enough. |
| <i>It will create issues for SEND pupils who require transport at the end of the day</i> | The transport operators will work to the new finishing times of the school day. |

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I hope the above addresses any concerns parents and pupils may have and we look forward to the new timings of the school day when pupils return in September.

Yours faithfully



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