



Friday 29th March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you will be aware the school timetable has been in place as it is for at least the last fifteen years. However, following an external review, it has been identified that the school day breaches the legal working hours for teaching staff and it is therefore necessary to make a small amendment to the school day in order to be wholly compliant.

Having explored various options, the simplest solutions would include changing the school day from the current timings of **8:40 - 3:30** to either of the following:

OPTION A: 8:45 - 3:25

OR

OPTION B: 8:50 - 3:30

In the interests of consulting with parents, we would therefore like to gather your views on which of the above timings are most preferred. We urge you to please engage in a 30 second survey [HERE](#) to express your preference.

Do we have to make changes to the timetable?

Yes, we do. As I know you will appreciate, we must adhere to educational law and therefore teaching staff cannot work in excess of a set number of directed hours. We are therefore obliged to reduce the school day by a total of ten minutes in order to be compliant.

Will my child lose learning time?

The above options will have the least impact on children and their learning. Children will still have an 'Early Bird' slot at the start of the day and they will still engage in a full worship at the end of the day.

What other considerations need to be made?

In making your decision, parents are encouraged to think about the drop off time needed in order to get 340 school pupils onto site in a calm manner.

When will these changes come into effect?

We must have put these changes into place by September 2024 and we will therefore plan to change the gate opening times from the beginning of the new school year in September.

We would like to thank you for your patience, kindness and understanding as we address these necessary changes. I shall share with you the outcome of the consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

