

27th April 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Re: proposal to amend the length of the school week

In March 2022, the Department for Education set out the government's expectation that all schools should deliver a minimum school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023.

Our school, along with a number of other schools in the local area and across the Trust, needs to make some minor changes to the school week in order to comply with this expectation.

We are proposing that we make the following small and necessary changes to the school day from September 2023:

Currently:

- Start of school day 8:40am to 8:50am, with registration starting at 8:50am.
- End of school day 3:15pm.

Proposed change:

- Start of school day 8:35am to 8:45am, with registration starting at 8:45am.
- End of school day 3:15pm.

This change would take effect from **4 September 2023**. The information in this letter has also been sent to:

- The local authority.
- Bus companies used to transport pupils to school.
- Nearby schools that pupils' siblings may attend.
- School staff.
- After-school club and wrap-around care providers.

We will work together to ensure that there is minimal disruption, but I appreciate that these very small changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements. I would therefore like to invite you to give any feedback you would like to be considered to the Directors of Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, Office HQ, Barmston Lane, Washington, SR5 3QY for consideration by Friday 5th May 2023.

Following this period of consultation, a decision about the final plans will be communicated to you by Friday 7th July 2023.

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