



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Dipton

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We follow in Christ's footsteps

5th May, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposed changes to the length of the school week

In March 2022, the Department for Education set out the government's expectations 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, therefore, proposing that we make the following small and necessary changes to the school day from September 2023:

| Year groups | Current start time | Current Finish time | Proposed change to start time from 4 th September 2023 | Proposed change to finish time from 4 th September 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|
| Reception | Gate opens 8.45am Registration 8.50am | 3.05pm | School opens at 8.45 with immediate registration | 3.15pm |
| Key stage 1 Y1 and Y2 | Gate opens 8.45am Registration 8.50am | 3.10pm | School opens at 8.45 with immediate registration | 3.20pm |
| Key stage 2 Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 | Gate opens 8.45am Registration 8.50am | 3.15pm | School opens at 8.45 with immediate registration | 3.20pm |

This information 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

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We will work together to ensure that there is minimal disruption. I appreciate, however, that even 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 3QE for consideration by Friday 26th May.

Following this period of consultation, a decision about the final plans will be communicated to you when we return after half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Burgess

Executive Headteacher

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