



Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

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School Day Times Consultation

Dear parents and carers,

Following the national proposal for all schools to be open for 32.5 hours a week, which has been announced by the Secretary of State for Education, we have been considering the start and end of day timings for our pupils. Even though this proposal is guidance rather than a statutory requirement, schools are expected to implement the changes by September 2023.

The current length of our school day needs to be increased by 10 minutes in order for us to meet the minimum 32.5 hours a week, which will therefore increase pupils' learning time by 10 minutes each day. We are proposing two possible ways in which this may happen. The table below shows the current timings and the two possible proposed changes from September 2023:

| | Current arrangements | Proposal 1 | Proposal 2 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Gates open | 8.20am | 8.20am | 8.25am |
| Start of school day | 8.25am | 8.25am | 8.30am |
| End of school day | 2.45pm | 2.55pm | 3pm |

While schools are not required to carry out a formal consultation with parents and other stakeholders, we would like to consult with parents/carers and hear any thoughts you may have on what we are proposing, as we appreciate that these changes may affect a small minority in terms of childcare or working arrangements.

If you would like to share your preferences and comments, please complete the following survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AE8S4A/>

The closing date for this is Friday 9th June 2023. Any comments that are received will be given due consideration and you may be contacted for a further discussion. Once this consultation period has ended, and the governing body has made a final decision on the new timings of the school day to commence from September 2023, we will contact parents again to confirm these.

Many thanks,

Mrs Rebecca Lennon
Headteacher

Mr Steve Fairclough
Chair of Governors