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Dear School Community,

Proposed Changes to School Hours – Consultation

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the school hours starting after February half-term.

The government updated its (non-statutory) guidance on the length of the school day, requesting schools to offer a minimum of 32.5 hours per week. In order to comply with this directive, we need to extend our school day by an additional ten minutes.

Here are the proposed changes:

- Start Time: **The school day will change to start at 8:45am instead of the current 8.55am.**
- End Time: No change to the end of the day to 3:15pm.

These adjustments aim to ensure that we align with the government's regulations while minimising disruption to the overall structure of the school day.

We value your input, and your feedback is essential in our decision-making process. The consultation period will be open from 4th December 2025 to 4th January 2026. Please share any comments, questions, or concerns regarding these proposed changes on the form link below.

[Proposed changes to school hours - start time to change to 8.45am – Fill in form](#)

Your thoughts matter, and we appreciate your support in shaping the future of our school. We will consider all responses during the consultation period, and a final decision will be communicated to you in the new year.

Any changes will be effective from Tuesday 24th February 2026.

Mr A Khan, Headteacher

Jo Taylor, Chair of Governors



With kindness, respect and gratitude, together we aim high in all we do.