

NR/LH

16th May 2023

Proposal to change the length of the school day

Dear parents and carers

Consultation: Changes to the School Day
Consultation period: Tuesday 16th May – Monday 5th June 2023

From 1st September 2023, we are proposing to change the opening and closing times of our school day.

Current Open Time 8:50 am

Current Close Time 3:10 pm

Proposed Open Time 8:30am

Proposed Close Time 3:00pm

Reason for the extension proposals:

The adjustment to the opening and closing times will ensure that the school meets the government expectations of all school being open to all children for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week from this September.

The slightly earlier start shouldn't mean any changes to the bus timings as all buses are currently scheduled to arrive at Acklington Road before 8.30am and, with no walking time to the lower school site needed from September, the day can start promptly for all students.

A slightly earlier finish in the afternoon means that after school clubs and activities will start and finish earlier too – which will be a real positive in winter months.



The additional time during the school day will be taken up by extending tutor time to 30 minutes, within which PSHE lessons will be delivered alongside other activities, and a slightly longer lunch break of 40 minutes.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses to the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Louisa Hedley at governors@jcsc.co.uk by noon on Monday 5th June 2023.

Your views will be taken into consideration after which I will write to update you and confirm requirements from September.

Yours faithfully



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