

8th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carer,

Proposal to change the start and finish times of the school day

Boston St. Mary's
RC PRIMARY ACADEMY

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at St Mary's.

Our current provision is:

- Opening the school gates at 8:45am
- Beginning the school day at 8:55am with registration at 8:55am
- Ending the school day at 3:30pm

New Proposal for consultation with all stakeholders:

- Opening the school gates at 8:35am
- Beginning the school day at 8:45am with registration 8:45am
- We are proposing to end the school day at **3:15pm**

Should the new proposal to close the school at 3:15pm be approved, it will start from Monday 31st October; this is the first day back after half term.

The rationale for changing the school finish time is as follows:

- School originally finished later than other schools due to three schools in the local vicinity; since the closure of John Fielding School and the opening of Tower Road car park, there is less impact on congestion in the locality.
- School feel that an earlier finish will be beneficial to pupil's wellbeing as many pupils access external after school provision such as swimming/gym/football etc; an earlier finish allows parents more time to journey to these providers.
- Many children walk to and from school independently; leaving the school grounds earlier will enable them to walk home in the light during winter months.

I appreciate that this change may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, however we will continue to offer a wide range of after school activities for children to take part in.

I would like to invite you to give your feedback by clicking the link below and completing the online form. We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 23rd September via email.

<https://forms.office.com/r/xBQbR32s8M>

I believe the change to the finishing time will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education.

Yours sincerely,



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