

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Proposal for a Change to the School Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Governing Body Meeting I am writing to you to inform you of some proposed changes at SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School from September 2019.

The proposal is to start at 8.45am instead of 8.55 am, have 50 minutes for lunchtime and finish at 3.00pm instead of 3.15pm. This will mean the school day will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm. The minimum teaching requirements as advised by the Government are not being compromised by these proposed changes. I set out below the reasons for the proposed change and details of the consultation arrangements.

- Starting at 8.45am instead of 8.55 am will give our pupils more of an opportunity to learn in the morning sessions when research has shown this is when primary children are most alert. The majority of our pupils already come to school at 8.45am, going straight to their classrooms ready to learn
- A change in times would mean an adjustment in timetable, which would better suit subject timetabling, meeting the demands of the National Curriculum and the needs of the children
- A slightly staggered lunch and reduction in length of the lunchtime would reduce time for incidents to occur and be of benefit on extremely hot or cold days
- Extra-Curricular activities will continue, but will allow pupils to get home at appropriate time, especially in the dark winter months
- There will be no change to the arrangements for Breakfast Club

The school has liaised with St Paul's Venture - The Nest Out of School Club, to work together so that there is minimal disruption to after school collection

The Governors believe that these changes will have a positive impact on the welfare and education of children at SS John and Monica's School, providing a more balanced school day.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from September 2019

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 Governors of SS John and Monica School, headed - Proposals for a Change in the School Day. The consultation period will end at 12pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Governors and myself will then consider the responses and will inform all families of the outcome before May half term in order to facilitate any changes that may occur from September 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Governors of SS John and Monica School

Mrs. M. Elliott  
Head Teacher