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Proposal for a Change to the School Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you all on 5th April to set out some proposals to change the start of the school day from 8.55am to 8.45am and the end of the school day from 3.15pm to 3.00pm and to reduce the length of the lunch period by 10 minutes.

Approximately ten per cent of families responded. All responses were against the proposed change to lunchtime and the majority opposed any change to school hours. The main arguments against a change in hours were the impact on working parents/carers and concerns about traffic delays. On playtime, there was a strong message about the importance of fresh air and opportunity for children to develop their physical and social skills.

On the basis of the responses I recommended to Governors that there should be no changes made. Governors have accepted my recommendation which means **there will be no changes to the school day in the next academic year**. Governors do though remain concerned about punctuality both in terms of children arriving on time, and being picked up promptly after school. They will be discussing what can be done to improve this over the coming weeks.

Governors and I are grateful to everybody who took the time to forward individual responses to the consultation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Elliott'.

Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher