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Dear Parent/Carer,

In March 2022 the Department for Education announced all state-funded mainstream schools are expected to deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours (6.5 hours a day) by September 2023. Whilst this legislation has not yet been formalised in parliament, we do expect it to go ahead and we want to ensure that we are well prepared. Our current school day currently falls short of the proposed 32.5 hours by **10 Minutes** a day and as a result we have had to carefully consider the options available to meet government expectations.

We want to minimise any disruption to pupils and parents this may cause and we have concluded that to achieve this we will slightly extend the end of the school day.

The table below shows the current timings and the proposed changes from September 2023 which we have discussed with the Wensum Trust and the school's Local Advisory Board.

Current Primary School Day

Session Start	Session Finish
8:40	15:00

Proposed Primary School Day

Session Start	Session Finish
8:40	15:10

Please be reassured the schools within the Wensum Trust have worked together to ensure their start and end times complement each other in order to support parents and carers travelling between its schools to drop off and collect their children.

Before we implement these timings, we would like to consult with parents to hear any thoughts you may have on what we are proposing. We will be holding a consultation event at **Arden Grove School Hall** on **Friday 31st March 2023** between **2:30 – 3:00pm** for you to come along and discuss the plans.

For those of you who cannot attend the event, you can also provide feedback via this short form [click here](#).

The closing date for the consultation period is **Monday 24th April 2023**.

Once this consultation period has ended, and the school has made a final decision on the new timings of the school day from September 2023, we will contact parents again to confirm the arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Waterfield
Headteacher

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