

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As we are thinking ahead to the next academic year we are keen to make changes to the length of the school day in order to bring school in line with Government guidance.

Our Local Governing Body are proposing to extend the school day to ensure that children are receiving 32.5 hours provision per week from September 2023.

Currently school runs between 8.50am - 3.00pm for Reception and KS1 children and 8.50am - 3.10pm for KS2 children and this brings the school under the recommended 32.5 weekly hours, for both KS1 and KS2 pupils. I propose to move to a 3.20pm finish for all of our pupils across Reception, KS1 and KS2 to ensure that pupils are in school for 32.5 hours per week.

Consideration has been given to:

- Benefit to parents not having to wait outside for 10 minutes between two pick up times
- Parking has been monitored and we believe this will not be an issue
- Greater opportunities to fully immerse the children in the curriculum
- After School/Child Care arrangements
- Bringing West Vale in line with our other local Trust schools

We are therefore proposing to adopt this change from the start of the new academic year. If you have any concerns or queries please can you contact the school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

We will confirm the new arrangements in a further letter no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours Sincerely

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