



# Hunnyhill Primary School

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We are currently undertaking a consultation process to make permanent changes to the times of the school day from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. These proposed changes are in line with Government expectations that all mainstream state-funded schools should provide a school week of at least 32.5 hours.

## **We propose.**

- To increase time for learning across the school so all year groups meet the 32.5 hours.
- The start and end times of the school day for EYFS and Year 1. 8:40am – 15:10pm
- The start and end times of the school day for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 8:45am – 15:15pm
- To continue to meet the needs of the pupils in the SEMH resourced provision we will continue with the current start and end times 8:30-2:30 Monday to Thursday and 8:30-1:30pm Friday.
- The school gates will open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am and open again at 15:05pm and close at 15:25pm.

As a school, we believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on our children's education. The rationale for these permanent changes, are set out below:

***To stagger the start and end of the school day for EYFS & Y1.*** We propose this change following the successful staggered start and end to the school day during the recent Lockdown periods. Over recent years, our school population has risen to over 400 pupils since January 2022. Our school site has two entrances available to all members of the school community and parking is very limited and the area around school can be very congested. We propose to continue with the staggered start and end of the school day in order to maintain the calmer, safer and more efficient start to the school We believe this change will:

- Help reduce crowding within and in the immediate vicinity of the school site as well as on playgrounds.
- Improve the flow of people coming onto and leaving the school site through the one gate. improve safety for children by reducing the need to walk in the roads due to numbers all arriving at the same time.
- Support issues with parking.

***To increase daily learning time to 6.5 hours a day.*** We propose to make these changes which allows us to increase curriculum time for children. We have seen that this change allows:

- more time for learning.
- greater opportunity to deliver a wide curriculum.
- more flexibility in the delivery of the curriculum.

PreSchool hours will be extended to start at 8:50am and the afternoon session will end at 3:10pm. Families in receipt of funding will be aware that these increase in time will not be covered by the funding. The school will not be charging parents for the addition time.

Breakfast club and Early Birds club will continue to run from 8am to the start of school. Allsorts after school clubs will continue as normal from the end of school to 6pm.

The details of this consultation have also been shared on our website and with our Local Authority, we wish to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

We appreciate that these changes may affect you. For this reason, we would like to invite you to give your feedback by sharing your responses via this online form as soon as you are ready and no later than Monday 23rd January 2023 <https://forms.office.com/r/GeD6YTqSmT>

We will release the results of the consultation and changes from September 2023 by Friday 10th February 2023 with details being posted on Dojo and the school website: [www.hunnyhillschool.co.uk](http://www.hunnyhillschool.co.uk)

Kind regards

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Chair of Governors