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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Re: Proposal to change the length of the school day**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a minor change to the structure of the school day here at Orchard Head Junior, Infants and Nursery school. We intend to implement these changes from September 2022 in line with the latest recommendations from the Government that the length of school week be increased to 32.5 hours by 2023 - [Length of the school week: minimum expectation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/length-of-the-school-week-minimum-expectation)

The proposed structure is:

- The school day for children in Reception to Year 6 will end at 3:20pm. From September this is an additional 5 minutes of learning each day for children in Reception and KS1.
- KS2 already finish their day at 3:20pm and this will remain the same.
- Our school day will continue to begin at 8:50am for all children in Reception to Year 6, with school doors opening at 8:45am.
- Nursery sessions will remain unchanged with the morning session commencing at 8:45am and ending at 11:45am; the afternoon session starting at 12:30pm and ending at 3:30pm.

**These changes will come into force from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. Benefits include: improved punctuality, equal distribution of lesson times, further flexibility for staffing and interventions.

The information in this letter has also been sent to our School Performance Review Board. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption. We anticipate that these new arrangements will not cause you any disruption.

I would like to invite you to give any feedback you may have by sending your responses to: [admin@orchardhead.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@orchardhead.patrust.org.uk). You have 14 days to respond to the proposed changes relating to our school day from September 2022. Please ensure any responses arrive to the school office by Friday 27 May 2022.

We will communicate the outcome of the consultation by mid-June after we have had the opportunity to reflect on any comments made throughout the consultation period.

Yours faithfully,

Joe Mitchell  
Headteacher