



**RE: Changes to the length of the school day**

**18/7/22**

Dear Parents/Carers,

In-line with the release of the recent Schools White Paper, Opportunity for All, I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School to ensure we are offering a minimum school week of 32.5 hours for all children. The proposed changes are as follows:

For Foundation Stage 2, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils:

- Changing the end of the school day from 3:00pm to 3:15pm.

For Foundation Stage 1 pupils:

- Changing the start of the afternoon session from 12:00pm to 12:15pm
- Changing the end of the afternoon session from 3:00pm to 3:15pm

These changes will come into force from September 2022.

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education.

As you will know, one of the intentions of our school curriculum is to remove barriers to learning which can be caused by low levels of literacy, numeracy and oracy. The change to our school day will not only enable us to enhance our approach to removing barriers to literacy but will also provide the opportunities for interventions on a smaller scale, without removing students from their mainstream curriculum.

The change in the school day also gives us the opportunity to provide other pastoral interventions at the beginning of the day, again ensuring that students are not removed from their mainstream curriculum. This will give students the best start possible to ensure that they are prepared and ready to learn on each and every school day.

I'm confident that the changes we are proposing will significantly improve our educational offer and provide all of our students with additional support and challenge so that we can send them out into the world able and qualified to play their part in it.

In addition, we will be offering periods of targeted intervention, before and after the school day has ended. More information will be released about these sessions in the new school year. They will be used to provide an additional layer of support to target the effects of Covid 19 and restore the mental health, rebuild resilience and close learning gaps for our students.

The information in this letter has also been sent to Rotherham LA, and our local MPs. We will ensure we work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses to [schoolday@wickersleypt.org](mailto:schoolday@wickersleypt.org)

Yours sincerely,

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