

19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Consultation on the proposal to change the length of the school day**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ahead of my next newsletter, I would like to formally share with you some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy.

We would like to lengthen the school day of the main school (Years 1 – 6) by ten minutes. This means that the main school would start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

The times of the Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) will not increase but the start and finish times will change slightly to 8:45am and 3pm.

Should these changes be approved, they will come into force from the new school year on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.

I believe that these small changes to the school day will be greatly beneficial and have a positive effect on your children's education. Our main motive for changing the school day slightly, is that children in Years 1 – 6 can have story time at the end of the day from 3pm to 3:15pm, without losing any learning time. Our ambition is that children should have dedicated time (outside of English lessons) to enjoy the richness of stories. The more children are exposed to high quality fiction, the more their imagination and thinking skills will develop, which in turn, helps with all learning. By slightly lengthening the school day for Years 1 - 6, we will also be able to alter the timings of lessons so that they are in better teaching blocks, where children will have increased chunks of time to learn at greater depth.

All partners and stakeholders have been informed about this proposal and views from everyone will be taken into consideration. I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses either by letter for the attention of the Headteacher, to the school office or by email to [admin@windmillacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@windmillacademy.co.uk) by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

We will release the results of the consultation on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

Many thanks

Best wishes

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