

June 2022

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

Dear parents and carers,

In March the Government introduced the expectation that all mainstream state-funded schools should provide a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. At Severn Vale School our school week is currently 31.7 hours. To meet this expectation our school day needs to increase by 10 minutes a day.

Instead of waiting until September 2023, we are proposing to meet this expectation this September. To do this, we are proposing to:

1. Move the start of the day from 8.50am to 8.45am
2. Move the end of the day from 3.10pm to 3.15pm.

This will ensure our school day is 6.5 hours per day and therefore in line with the expectation of delivering a 32.5 hour school week.

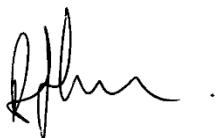
In addition to meeting this new Government requirement, this proposal will allow the school to introduce transition time between all of our lessons. This will ensure that all students have the necessary time to move between classrooms and that our lesson time will not need to incorporate this transition time, meaning learning time will be maximised.

The information in this letter has also been sent to the Local Authority so that transport providers are aware of this proposed change.

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 invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses to Julia Atkinson by email at [jatkinson@severnvaeschool.com](mailto:jatkinson@severnvaeschool.com). The closing date for responses is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

I will communicate the outcome of this consultation and confirm arrangements for the school day for the new academic year by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Yours sincerely



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