

## Changes to School Times (On your November Newsletter)

Dear Parents and Carers

Regarding the Change of School Session Times , on which your views were sought in the Parent Attitude Questionnaire (July 2015). This has been under consideration for a while now . The proposal was taken to Governors and agreed to in principle in summer, Parent views were sought through the July PAQ, Staff also were consulted. After considering all views , LEA consent has been given and the Proposal will be going ahead, starting after the Easter holidays 2016.

The Change of session time for school will mean that Dinnertime will be from 12-12.55 and school will finish at 3.15pm.

School time in lessons will not change.

The 15 minute shorter lunchbreak will still allow time to play out—at least 30 mins outside, with longer in summer due to outside eating opportunities.

The Shorter lunchbreak will be of benefit with less unstructured time .

At the end of the School Day the earlier finish will be better for After School Clubs—not as late a finish , also earlier is better in the dark winter nights.

Charging for Late Stay is unaffected by the changes.

Please do not think this is for the benefit of staff as the usual ‘hometime’ for staff is between 5.30 and 7! (We really do sleep in the cupboards!) One benefit for staff will be when we attend training sessions and courses at other schools , we will be able to get there as the start is always 3.30-3.45– as most other schools finish around 3.15pm.

Our PAQ showed 38% making no comment and 28% for the proposal, 2% a further question, and 32% against. Governors and staff have been consulted and are in agreement.

Preparation time is vital in any change and we appreciate this.

The new times will start from April 2016.

There will be a period of transition in the summer term to help and support any difficulties, as we understand this may not be as easy for some families as others.

We will then be ready for the Autumn term of 2016.

If you did not send back your July 2015 PAQ and will have a problem please let me know.

Thank you  
Mrs L J Carter-Clavell