



Friday 13th September 2024

Proposed Change in School Timings – 2024/2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to consult with all of our parents/carers more regularly throughout the school year to understand how we can work together and to hear your views. It is vital that your opinions are heard so that we can collaborate to support the children throughout their journey here at Corpusty Primary School.

I would like to draw your attention to the Department for Education (DfE) regarding school hours. Please see the attached link:

[DfE: Length of the school week - Minimum expectation](#)

The government's White Paper foresees a "richer, longer" school week and states that schools will need to be open for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week from September 2024. This equates to 6 hours and 30 minutes per day, on average. While the minimum hours are an expectation rather than a statutory duty, Ofsted will be asked to report on schools that miss the target, particularly if they are also found to be providing a poor quality of education.

In light of this, I would like to consult with you on a proposal for an **8:45am** start and a **3:15pm** finish each day. Lessons would begin at **8:45am**, with the school whistle blown at **8:40am**. The school playground gate would be opened from **8:30am** and close at **8:55am**.

Please take a moment to review these proposed timings and complete the digital survey to express your views. The link will close on **Monday 7th October 2024**.

Please see the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jPprDle3fEGYXpz55ejLv3ZYfTu_itxBo7Xlqo_6G3tUMzI5VkdPNEpJVkkwNEtDT1E5QjBFN1BXVi4u

Your thoughts matter, and we appreciate your support in shaping the future of our school. We will consider all responses during the consultation period. As it currently stands, school timings will not change. However, if the majority are in favour of this change, I will inform you via a letter, with an aim to implement the new schedule from **Monday 4th November 2024**.

Kind regards,

Mr M Elcock
Federation Headteacher