

Tuesday 4th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the news the recent government White Paper that provides details for a revised expectation for a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This document sets out the expectations for schools to:

- Operate two sessions on every school day divided by a break in the middle of the day
- From spring 2023, all state-funded schools are expected to submit the length of their school week via the spring collection of the school census.
- By September 2023, all state-funded, mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours

As a result of this I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes, from September 2023, to the structure of the school day for Heathland School and Nursery.

This means we will be making changes to increase the school day by 15 minutes, the changes are shown below:

Current School Day Timings	New Proposed Timings
Start: 8.45 am	Start: 8.45 am
Finish: 3.00 pm	Finish: 3.15 pm

New Nursery Timings

Nursery AM	Nursery PM
Start: 8.45 AM	Start: 12.15 PM
Finish: 11.45 AM	Finish: 3.15 PM

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from our first day back in the Autumn term, **Wednesday 6th September.**

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. The information in this letter will also be sent to all relevant parties, including the local authority and after school care providers.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of your 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. You can do so by completing the online feedback form here: [School Day Timings 2023](#) by Friday 14th July. (This letter has also been sent by email)

Yours sincerely,



Miss F R Hopkins
Headteacher