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21st May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: PROPOSED CHANGE TO SCHOOL DAY – SEPT 2022

The recent Government White Paper sets an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest.

The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end of the school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times, as well as teaching time. It does not include optional before or after school provision.

I am writing to inform you, and receive your feedback on, some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Featherstone Primary School for the children. These changes are in response to the recent release of the Department for Education's <u>White Paper</u>.

From September 2022, this will mean that school will <u>not</u> close at 1pm on a Friday for children, and instead finish at one of the times below.

There are two options that I would like to put forward to parents to meet this requirement:

Option 1	Start Time 8:50am	Finish Time 3:20pm	Total number of hours: 32.5 per week
Option 2	Start Time 8:55am	Finish Time 3:25pm	Total number of hours: 32.5 per week

Please click <u>SURVEY</u> to submit your views. https://s.surveyplanet.com/5hszzv2f

Should the changes be approved by the Full Governing Board in July, this will come into effect from 5th September 2022.

The ballot is open for parents and will close on Friday 27th May 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. E. Gaibee

Headteacher

