

Monday 27th November 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Consultation on proposal to change the length of the school day

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Brentside Primary Academy.

BPA are obligated to bring the length of the school day in line with the Department for Education's new minimum requirement of a 32.5 hour school week. The school currently operates a 31 hour and 10 minute school week.

Proposed Changes

We are proposing to extend the official school day by 20 minutes per day Monday to Thursday, and by 15 minutes on Fridays. We are planning to do this by:-

- **Changing the official start of the school day to 8.45am.** The current official start time of the school day is 9.00am. The school already operates a soft start from 8.45am, we are proposing to replace the soft start with an official start time of 8.45am- meaning that lessons start at 8.45am and all pupils are expected to be in class by this time. Under the proposed changes, pupils would be registered as late if they arrive after 9.00am
- **Changing the official end time of the school day to 3.30pm from Monday to Thursday.** The current finish time is 3.25pm. **The 2.30pm finish time on Friday will remain the same.**

These changes will make the BPA school week 32 hours and 45 minutes.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education.

Dates of Implementation

Should the changes be approved, they will come into effect from the Summer term, which starts on 16th April 2024.

Consultation Feedback

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any comments or feedback that you have by sending it via letter to:

School Day Length Consultation, Brentside Primary Academy, Kennedy Road, Hanwell, W7 1JL.

Or via email to admin@brentsideprimary.ealing.sch.uk Please title any emails 'School Day Length Consultation'

Consultation Details

The consultation will run for 3 weeks. If you wish to comment or provide feedback on this proposal, please do so by Friday 15th December 2023.

We will communicate the outcome of the consultation and your thoughts around this in the new year.

Yours faithfully,

Caroline Crosdale
Headteacher