



Hayle Academy

Thursday 16th January 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and School Community

Proposed Changes to School Hours - Consultation

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to our school hours starting from the academic year 2025-26.

As you may be aware, the government updated its guidance on the minimum length of the school week, outlining that schools should offer at least 32.5 hours per week. This is for the number of core school hours for mainstream schools as a minimum expectation, not including any non-compulsory after-school activities, such as extra-curricular clubs or revision sessions.

In order to comply with this expectation, we need to extend our school day by **fifteen minutes**.

Here are the proposed changes:

- **Start time:** we propose starting the school day at 08.45 instead of the current 08.50. This provides an additional five minutes at the start of the day for the 'Warm Welcome' with the tutor.
- **Period 2/3:** we propose extending period's 2 & 3 from 70-minute to 75-minute lessons in line with the duration of period 1. This means that period 3 would start at 11.50 instead of 11.45 and would end at 13:05 instead of 12:55.
- **Lunchtime/ literacy session rotation:** an additional 5 minutes would be added to the lunchtime rotation, which would mean that there is a 'clearer' 30 lunchtime for students and staff.
- **End time:** this would mean that the end of the school day would be at 15:15 instead of the current 15:05 finish.

For more details, please refer to the end of this letter, which contains the current model of the school day (model 1) and the proposed model of what the school day would look like from September 2025 (model 2). If you would prefer a paper copy of the proposed model, please do contact the school.

These adjustments ensure that we are aligned with the government's regulations, and that our provision is equitable comparatively for our students against a national picture. If you would like to find out more information, please follow this link: [Length of the school week - non-statutory guidance](#).

Please be assured that communication will take place with any relevant external partners, such as with the County Transport team, and with Aspens, the catering provider. After school activities will continue as normal with slightly adjusted times.

Consultation Period

We value your input and your feedback is essential to our decision-making process. The consultation process will be **open from today until Friday 7th February 2025**. Please share any comments and feedback regarding these proposed changes by clicking on [this Google form link](#).

If you would prefer to email your feedback, please contact Andrea Daddow, Head's PA, via adaddow@hayle.tpacademytrust.org. Alternatively, written responses can be sent to the school for the attention of myself.

We will carefully consider all responses from the consultation as part of the final decision making, and the final decision will be communicated with you by the end of February.

Depending on the outcome of the consultation, a reminder that any adjustments to the school day will not be made until the start of the Autumn Term in September 2025.

Thank you in advance for your time, your valuable feedback and for your continued partnership.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Melissa Lock

Headteacher