



10 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Timings of the School Day at Speenhamland – Consultation Outcomes

We wrote to you recently proposing changes to the structure of the school day Speenhamland School for September 2021 once Covid restrictions of staggered starts and finishes are lifted. They were:

1 The school day starting at 8:30am daily and finishing at 3:00pm for Reception and Infants and 3.10pm for Juniors.

The consultation ran from Thursday 11th May until Tuesday 25th May and we welcomed your responses. I can confirm that we received 16 responses in total and these were shared and discussed with Trustees at length. We can now confirm that the proposed changes have been **approved** and will come into force from **September 2021**. We know that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive impact on your child's education.

2 Start of the Day

Starting early has proven very beneficial this year. Our children have come in to school ready to learn and days have started positively and swiftly with excellent teaching and learning. We will continue with a swift drop off for parents. Parents can either park at Waitrose and walk their children down to school or they can use the "Kiss and Drop" in the morning only. There will be a member of SLT on the gate to welcome your child into school every day. If Covid protocols are still applied, social distancing of 2 m between staff and parents and parents and parents must be maintained during drop-off. If you need to speak to a member of staff and it is not urgent, please telephone or email the school office and a member of staff will contact you that day. We ask that parents do not engage in conversations with each other on the pavements around the school, as this causes anxiety for other parents, blocks the pavements and creates an unsafe environment.

3 End of the day

At the end of the day, we will continue to dismiss the children to you. EYFS will be dismissed at 3 pm from the side gate, Infants will be dismissed at 3 pm from the main car park, Lower Juniors will be dismissed at 3.10 pm from the side gate and Upper Juniors will be dismissed at 3.10 pm from the main car park.

We will be running a greater range of clubs next year, our sporting clubs and fixtures will resume, along with music and creative clubs for all children. More details will follow.

4 Dragon Club

Many parents welcomed the earlier Dragon Club start at 7.30 am. Dragon Club will now run from 7.30 am to 8.30 am. Breakfast will be available for a small additional charge.

Thank you for continuing to support Speenhamland, we have appreciated your responses and your feedback.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

Mrs S Loy
Chair of Trustees