



DANESHOLME JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Proposal to change the timings of the school day at Danesholme Junior Academy

I am writing to inform you that we are consulting on a proposal to change the end of the school day at Danesholme Junior Academy, from a 3:30pm finish to a 3:15pm finish, from 1st September 2021. It is proposed to start the school day at 8:50am, rather than 9:00am.

As part of this proposed change, we are undertaking consultation. This consultation period is an opportunity for stakeholders and interested parties, such as parents and staff to submit their views on the proposal and how any subsequent process can best be managed.

As an Academy, we greatly value our school community and are committed to working with you to ensure your views are considered in the Academy's plans for the future.

Please find below, further details about this proposal and how to share your views.

Rationale for the proposed change

Danesholme Infant and Junior Academies are adjacent to each other and share site access. There is a legal covenant in place that allows parents and guardians to access Danesholme Junior Academy by walking through the Danesholme Infant Academy playground. The later finish at Danesholme Junior Academy impacts the after-school provision and safeguarding arrangements at the Infant Academy, as the shared gates stay open to parents and guardians whilst after-school clubs are running. A shared finish time would improve safeguarding after school and would also enable the two academies to explore options for paid after-school childcare for children at Key Stages 1 and 2.

The proposed plan

To change the finish time at Danesholme Junior Academy from 3:30pm to 3:15pm, to align with Danesholme Infant Academy, from 1st September 2021. The start of the school day will be changed from 9:00am to 8:50am.

Length of the school day

There will be no loss of learning time. The 3:30pm finish was set up when the school had an afternoon break. There is no longer an afternoon break at the Junior academy. The Academy day will begin at 8:50am in the morning, not 9:00am as it does currently.

Consultation

The consultation period will last for four weeks and will commence on **Friday 30th April 2021** and end on **Friday 28th May 2021 at 5pm**.

How to give your views

Your views are very important to us and we look forward to receiving them. To give your views you can either email, telephone, or write to us using the address at the top of this letter.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we are unable to offer a public meeting, however, please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns to raise by using the above methods.

Decision-making following consultation

All views will be taken into account as part of this consultation. Once the consultation has closed and all views have been considered, we will email all parents and carers to let you know the outcome of the consultation. Information and updates will also be posted on our website, www.danesholmejunioracademy.org, under the 'News & Events', 'Latest News' section.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Rolf
Principal



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