



DANESHOLME JUNIOR ACADEMY

Consultation Report on the Proposal to change the timings of the school day at Danesholme Junior Academy, Corby, Northamptonshire

This report summarises the findings of a public consultation around the proposal to change the timings of the school day at Danesholme Junior Academy, Corby, Northamptonshire. The consultation ran for a total of four weeks from 30th April 2021 to 28th May 2021.

1. The Proposal

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.

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.

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

2. Consultees

A letter was sent to parents/carers and staff of pupils at Danesholme Junior Academy; parents/carers and staff of pupils at Danesholme Infant Academy, all schools and academies within the Corby area, local residents and other local stakeholders, such as sports providers and childminders. The letter informed all connected parties of the proposal and included details of how to respond to the consultation.

A total of 990 letters were sent out.

Information was added to the Danesholme Junior Academy and the Greenwood Academies Trust websites at the start of consultation period and a copy of the consultation report will also be published on the websites by way of an update from the consultation.

3. Key themes coming out of the consultation

The proposal to change the timings of the school day at Danesholme Junior Academy has received two objections.

3.1 Parents/Carers and Community Consultation Findings

Two objections received via email, urging the Academy to keep the timings of the school day the same or look at alternative proposals for Danesholme Infant Academy – such as locking classroom doors.

3.2 Staff Consultation Findings

No objections received. General staff overview supports the proposal.

3.3 Academy Advisory Council Consultation Findings

No objections received.

3.4 Pupil Consultation Findings

No comments have been received from pupils.

4. Conclusion and Next steps

Following a review of the responses to the consultation, the Trust has agreed to amend the timings of the school day at Danesholme Junior Academy to 8:50am-3:15pm from 1st September 2021.

Details of the outcome will be posted on the Greenwood Academies Trust website and Danesholme Junior Academy website. Letters will also be sent to parents/carers, staff and the local residents.

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