



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

4th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Consultation on the Government minimum expectation on length of the school week

As you may be aware in July 2023, the Government published guidance for schools, setting out an expectation that we deliver a minimum of 32 hours 30 minutes of education per week. This requirement is to take place from September 2024. Our current offer (8.55am – 3.15pm) is 31 hours 40 minutes. We therefore need to extend our school week by 50 minutes, or 10 minutes per day.

I appreciate that any changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. In line with Department for Education guidance, I am now beginning a consultation period to allow all members of the school community to state their preference and provide feedback.

Set out below are the four options available. I now invite you to indicate your preference on a Google form (the link attached with this e-mail). Space is provided on the form for any comments or feedback that you might have. Please provide your responses by **Friday 22nd March**.

OPTIONS

	Start time	Finish time	Comments
Option 1	8.45	3.15	Doors open 8.40
Option 2	8.50	3.20	Doors open 8.45
Option 3	8.55	3.25	Doors open 8.50
Option 4	9.00	3.30	Doors open 8.55

Following the period of consultation, we will release the results of the consultation by 19th April, and I will confirm the revised timings of the school day. They will come into effect from 1st September 2024.

This increase will ensure that we meet the Department of Education's new minimum expectation of a 32 hours and 30 minutes school week.

As always, I appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely,

C. Young

Mrs C Young
Headteacher

