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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Change to the length of the school day

With the full support of the Governing Body and the new requirement from the DFE please find below some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at The Stonehenge School. The DFE requirement is that all schools ensure that pupils are in attendance at their school for 32.5 hours per week, or 6.5 hour days. This is an expectation from September 2023, and has the full support of the Governing Body.

Currently we are 15 minutes short of meeting that expectation per day, or 1 hour and 15 minutes per week.

We are therefore proposing to extend the school day from 1st September 2023 onwards by moving to an 8:30am to 3pm school day (as opposed to the current 8:35am to 2:50pm).

These changes will be beneficial to the school community in a range of ways, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. Due to the rapid increase of the school we currently have two lunch times, of 30 minutes each, meaning that registration time in tutor groups is also 30 minutes long, causing lesson time to be cut throughout the day.

The change in the school day, combined with an increase in catering facilities and undercover eating areas will mean that we can move to staggering lunchtime slightly, and use the additional 15 minutes a day to extend breaks and lunch times for the pupils. The time gained will then be added back on to learning time so that all lessons move back to being exactly one hour long. The information in this letter has also been sent to the local Authority, bus and taxi companies, nearby schools, school staff. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your response to admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk.

We will release the results of the consultation by 5th June 2023 via email and newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

C A Dean
Headteacher

