

Friday 8th July 2022

Confirmed Change to the Length of the School Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last term I began a consultation period for parents on proposed changes to the length of the school day at Meadowside from September 2022. This was following the recent announcement from the Department for Education that schools will be required to implement a school week lasting a minimum of 32.5 hours. The consultation period closed on the 17th June and I am now writing to inform you of the confirmed changes to the structure of the school day from September. They are:

- **Y1-Y6** will move to a school day starting at 8.50am and finishing at 3.20pm. Classroom doors will be open from 8.40am to support parents with multiple drop offs.
- **Reception class** will start the day at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. This is to support parents of multiple children to get around from the Reception classroom at the front of school to other classes which are accessible around the back. Classroom doors will be open from 8.40am.
- **The Development Centre (Buttercups) and Designated Provision (Giant Redwoods)** will start at 8.50am and finish at 3.20pm. Classroom doors will be open from 8.40am to support parents with multiple drop offs.
- **Daisies Nursery** (2 year olds) morning session will start at 8.40am (instead of 8.30am) and finish at 11.40am (instead of 11.30am). The afternoon session will start at 12.20pm (instead of 12.30pm) and finish at 3.20pm (instead of 3.30pm).
- **Sunflowers Nursery** 15 hour children would be the same as listed for Daisies above (either morning or afternoon sessions).
- **Sunflowers Nursery** 30 hour children will start at 8.40am and finish at 3.20pm. The 30 free hours would then be completed by Friday at 12pm – **therefore there will be no free places in Sunflowers on Friday afternoons.** Additional paid places will be available on Friday afternoons to support families with additional childcare needs.

These changes will begin from **Monday 5th September 2022.**

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education as this will provide us with precious extra time to



fit in what is an ambitious school curriculum and further support the academic needs of all children.

The information in this letter will also be sent to School Transport. We will ensure that all parties work together so that there is minimal disruption.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

