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Subject: Consultation on Proposed Change to the School Day

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1. Introduction

This document outlines a proposal to amend the start and end times of the school day at Wootton Bassett infant School. The proposed change aims to ensure compliance with Department for Education (DfE) expectations regarding the length of the school week.

[DfE Guidance](#)

2. Current School Day Structure

- **Start time:** 9.00 am
- **Finish time:** 3.00 pm

3. Proposed Change

The school proposes to formalise the current timings as the standard school day:

- **Start time:** 9.00 am
- **Finish time:** 3.30 pm

These timings ensure all pupils receive at least 32.5 hours of education per week, in line with DfE expectations.



4. Rationale for Change

- **Compliance:** Ensures alignment with the DfE's minimum expectation for a 32.5-hour school week.
- **Curriculum Delivery:** Provides additional time for structured interventions and extended lesson opportunities.

5. Stakeholder Consultation

The school will undertake a period of consultation with stakeholders, including:

- Parents and carers
- Staff
- Governing body
- Local authority (Wiltshire Council)

Feedback will be gathered over a four-week consultation period. A summary of responses will be published before a final decision is made at Full Governing Body on the

6. Implementation Timeline

- **Consultation launch:** Friday 24th April 2026
- **Consultation closes:** Friday 22nd May 2026
- **Decision to be taken at FGB:** Thursday 18th June 2026
- **Decision to be published:** Friday 19th June 2026
- **Proposed implementation date:** 1st September 2026, subject to governing body approval.

