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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Changing the school day from September 2024: Consultation

As part of the government white paper guidance on [Length of the school week](#), schools in the UK are advised to deliver a 32.5 hour week to students. Currently, Cottingham High School falls short of this target by 15 minutes per day. I am therefore writing to you as part of a consultation process to make these changes to the school day by the expected deadline of September 2024. The changes and my reasons for making them are set out below. We are now consulting with governors, staff, caterers, students and parents to ensure that all views are considered over the coming weeks. Once the consultation is over, we will consider whether or not to introduce these changes for September 2024. The final decision on this proposal will take into account the opinions of the various stakeholders. The proposal is as follows:

To extend the length of the school day by 15 mins from 8.50am to 3.20pm.

Why change the school day?

Cottingham High School currently delivers between 1-2 hours less education per week than the majority of schools in the local area and nationally. This is equating to around 50 hours less education per year than children that attend other schools. Changing the timings of the school day is something that staff and governors have been discussing in relation to the government guidance. Having less teaching time than other schools per day is not beneficial to our children, particularly as we continue to work tirelessly to address any long term catch up from a post pandemic and lock down period. This seems to be the right time to extend the school day, so your children receive the best possible education. Therefore, giving children at Cottingham High School the greatest opportunity to Believe, Achieve and Succeed.

Taught time

By extending the length of our school day, we will gain more time to teach, support and guide your children. Our aim is to support students with a greater quality of education, with a greater ability to support their personal development, academic intervention and pastoral support.

Our aim as a school is to achieve the following through the changes outlined above:

Your children receive their educational entitlement.

More time for children to learn, receive support and address any educational needs that present themselves.

Enhance our personal development offer.

Increase the potential educational outcomes for your children

I believe that these changes will be a significant benefit to the school. If you have a view on the proposal, please email via office@cottinghamhigh.net - Subject: Consultation. This consultation will end at 12.00pm on Monday, 27th May 2024. I will inform all stakeholders of the outcomes before the end of next half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jay Kerby'.

Jay Kerby
Headteacher