

Brandhall Primary School

Inspire Believe Achieve

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This consultation document is addressed to everyone involved in Brandhall Primary School and it's community.

What is the Proposal?

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team of Brandhall Primary School are currently considering a proposal to change the finishing times of the school day. It is proposed that the school day would finish at 3:15pm instead of 3:30pm from September 2016. We are also proposing to shorten the Key stage 2 lunch break to 45 minutes.

We are currently undertaking a public consultation to seek the views of the parents and the wider community on this proposal.

The Consultation Period will run from Friday 10th June to Friday 8th July. No final agreement will be made until consultation is completed.

This document gives you details of the proposal. There is a form at the end which we ask you to complete and return to us before 9.00am on Friday 8th July 2016.

Why the proposed changes?

KS2 pupils spend up to 60 minutes outside at lunchtime. This often results in issues which impact on the learning that takes place in the afternoon.

- School could offer more provision for pupils e.g. focused after school homework clubs for pupils – these would finish at 4pm.
- Planned changes to nursery provision for 2017 (with the introduction of 30 hours funding) mean that finishing times would be more closely matched to school times making it easier to collect pupils from both settings.
- Pupils will be home earlier in the winter months making it safer for travel to and from school
- Pupils will have more time to take part in clubs outside of school and have more family time.

How will this affect pupils?

There will be little impact on pupils in school. They will still receive the non-statutory teaching time as recommended by the DfE. KS2 pupils will have a shorter lunch break but there is still plenty of time for them to play and socialise. Last year we trialled children coming into school earlier in the morning at 8:45. This has reduced the number of children who are late and allowed parents flexibility to drop children at school from 8:40 onwards. We will continue to offer this extra fifteen minutes. Pupils will also benefit from homework clubs after school and will be encouraged to join these as needs arise.

How will this affect staff?

Some staff will be required to manage clubs after school however there is no change to contracted hours.

Teaching staff will have more time for marking and assessment making provision more focussed.

How will this affect parents?

Some working parents may find it difficult to collect their children 15 minutes earlier. School will be offering 3 homework clubs Monday to Thursday, although places will be limited, provision in After School Club will not change. Please advise in the comments if you feel further childcare would be needed.

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To confirm:

All classes would finish at 3:15 p.m.

Nursery children will continue to finish at 3:30pm but there will be flexibility in collection time from 3.15 until essential changes to the nursery provision in 2017 take place.

All pupils will still receive the non-statutory recommended teaching time as specified by the DfE; KS1 will receive 5 hours 10 minutes per day and KS2 will receive 5 hours and 25 minutes per day.

Please take time to complete the attached questionnaire so that we can take account of your views. Please return the questionnaire to school by **9:00am on 8th July 2016** or earlier. Non-return of the consultation will indicate an acceptance of the proposal.

Yours sincerely

Liz Hart
Headteacher

Brandhall Primary School
Response to the proposed changes to the school day

You can also email your views to: liz.hart@brandhall.sandwell.sch.uk

Name: _____
I am: _____

- A Parent/Carer of a primary aged child
- Member of Staff
- Governor
- Other interested party (please state).....

Please return no later than Friday 8th July 2016

Comments: I agree/disagree with the proposal.