

24 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Changes to school hours

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the consultation return in relation to the school week in primary academies across The Howard Academy Trust.

Some questions have been raised and we have tried to summarise some frequently asked questions to ensure that you have the appropriate information you need when responding to the consultation. We had taken the original consultation form offline until the information below could be circulated to parents/carers. The consultation has now reopened.

Please submit your response to the consultation by clicking [here](#)

Friday Afternoon FAQ

What will the core hours be under the proposal for the school that my child attends?

The longer school days will be similar to the current arrangements and will be within the core hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm according to each school's needs for example if staggered times are still required or restrictions on site access. This, with some adjustments to the internal timings of the day, will mean there will be no loss of learning time for the children.

Why can PPA time not be carried out in a different way?

PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time has been a teacher entitlement for some time in all schools across the country. Prior to the current Friday arrangement, your child's teacher would have taken this time out of class time and their class covered by another teacher. Moving this to Friday afternoon will mean your child's teaching time is delivered by their class teacher for most of their curriculum time.

Has curriculum time been reduced?

By removing Friday afternoon classes curriculum time has not been reduced. Your child receives the same amount of taught time when compared to previous arrangements.

Who can access the Friday club provision?

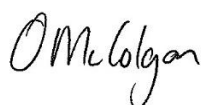
Friday Club will be available to all working parents with no other childcare available. The cost will be £10 per term (£60 over the year) although, will be no charge for children eligible for Free School Meals. This will cover the cost of resources and any additional staff costs.

Will external clubs still take place on a Friday?

Some schools may also make use of external club providers - for example a dance or football club. This would be in addition to the provision offered by the school. If this is the case, there could be an additional charge to parents should they choose to opt into these. Depending on Covid restrictions, we hope that these clubs can take place at the same time as the Friday Afternoon club.

If you have already provided a response to the consultation and this information has caused a change of view, please use the link above to submit a new response.

Kind regards



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