

# St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School



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## Response to consultation

Dear Parents and Carers/ Staff member/ Governors,

Sincere apologies for the time it has taken me to come back to you with these responses; just prior to our Ofsted visit, I had sent out a consultation asking for your opinion and response to 3 aspects of school life at St Bartholomew's:

1. Change to start and end times
2. Extend Fridays to a full school day
3. Mound/ tunnel and surrounding play space (future use)

This letter sets out the response to these considerations across the school community, encompassing the view of families, the staff team and Governors.

### 1. Change to start and end time

The aim being to maintain consistency, convenience (for working lives), curriculum time and with the 'stagger', the health and safety of our pupils and their families as paramount.

Option A			Option B		
	Start of day	End of day		Start of day	End of day
EYFS, KS1	8.30	3.15 / 2.00pm Fri	EYFS, KS1	8.35	3.20 / 2.05pm Fri
KS2	8.40	3.25 / 2.10pm Fri	KS2	8.45	3.30 / 2.15pm Fri

Across families, staff and Governors, Option A received 76% of votes.

### Outcome

From the start of the Autumn term 2023, we will therefore 'start' and 'end' the school day as detailed and highlighted above. Early morning childcare will continue to be available, at present, in the form of Superstars (as well as after-school provision)

### 2. Extend Fridays to a full school day

First introduced in 2005, a change would aim to optimise curriculum time, enable us to fulfil better subject coverage over a balanced week and provide a more uniform approach to managing personnel.



67% of votes across the school community 'for' moving to an extended Friday.

*Important to note:*

A number of parents/ carers who chose to comment (thank you), included their thoughts about this part of the consultation, with work-life balance and quality family time (i.e. how a number of families use this time) at the fore. I would not want to discount this perspective, particularly with the personal, social and emotional development of our young people a key consideration still post-COVID.

The administrative element to this change, within school, also means this would not be possible in time for the Autumn term this year.

Outcome:

To be reviewed over the course of academic year 2023 – '24.

### **3. Mound/ tunnel and surrounding play space**

The consultation sought a decision with a view to best developing this feature (and immediate surrounding area) within our grounds, as a more stable and usable space.

92% of votes from Governors, staff and families agreed with the 'removal and replacement' of the current mound area.

Outcome:

We will look at subsequent works to this area being undertaken over the summer period.

Many thanks for your time and comments with this consultation.



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(Headteacher)

