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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Requirement to change the time/length of the school day**

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here within the TEACH Trust.

You may be aware that the Government produced a White Paper earlier in 2022: **Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child.** In this White Paper, it sets out the expectation that schools should provide at least 32.5 hours per week for its pupils, by September 2023.

Currently, we are able to offer support and supervision for your children from 7.45am to 6pm (when taking into account our Wrap Around care provision, Breakfast Club and Buddy Club, but these extra-curricular provisions do not count when totaling our school hours.)

Having reviewed the times for the official, compulsory school day at each of our schools, (not including pre-school supervision and breakfast or after-school clubs) we have found that the Junior Schools have 32.5 hours and the Infant Schools have 31.25 hours. This means that both Infant Schools need to extend their official school day by 15 minutes per day.

Having looked into the best way to achieve this, whilst still doing our best to give some time between the start and end times of the schools so that parents/carers who have children in both Infant and Junior schools can still collect from both, we propose the following amendments to the times of the school days.

	Gates open	Doors open	Registration Starts - ends	Gates/doors close	End of school day
Canford Heath Infant School	8.20am	8.30am	8.30am-8.40am	8.40am	3.00pm
Ad Astra	8.20am	8.30am	8.30am -8.40am	8.40am	3.00pm
Canford Heath Junior School	8.15am	8.30am	8.30am- 8.40am	8.35am	3.10pm
Haymoor Junior School	8.15am	8.30am	8.30am -8.40am	8.35am	3.10pm



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Canford Heath Junior School

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Ad Astra Infant School

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Haymoor Junior School

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For the Infant Schools, when the gates open at 8.20am, parents will be asked to come onto the playground and wait with their child outside the relevant classroom door until 8.30am, when the teachers will open the door to welcome the children. There will be no supervision provided by the school until 8.30am. However, there will be senior staff on the school gates, as usual.

Please note that there are no changes to the end of the school day.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and for this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by emailing your response to [schooldaytimes@teachpoole.com](mailto:schooldaytimes@teachpoole.com) by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

I will write to you again after the Autumn Half Term and let you know of any changes or amendments to these proposals and confirm the agreed school day times for September 2023 onwards.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Kate Carter

Chief Executive Officer



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