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Welcome

Early Closure Consultation - Parent Meeting
25th Jan 2018 – 5:00 PM



Agenda - What will be covered?

- What does the Law say / Time of the school day
- Number of hours (learning time)
- Who has been involved in the Consultation?
- How is PPA covered currently?
- What will happen on Friday?
- What time will the children leave the school?
- Options that are available
- Questions
- Next stage



Who has been involved in the Consultation?

Governing Board have been kept updated

Parents

Teachers

Support Staff

All children

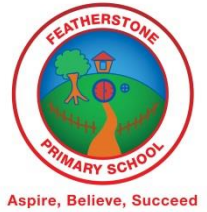
Local Authority – School Support and Governor
have given advice



Changing the timings of the school day

The 'Changing of School Session Times (England) Regulations 1999' were revoked in 2011 and there is currently no statutory **process** for a school to follow for changing the school day in maintained schools or academies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>



This guidance says:

*Every school day must have two sessions divided by a break. **The length of each session, break and the school day is determined by the school's governing body.** The governing body has the power to revise the length of the school day as it sees fit.*

There is no requirement to consult parents on revisions to the school day but it can assist parents to do so.

Number of education days: 190
(380 sessions)

(2017-2018: 190) (5TDays and
1 Polling day



DFE Recommended hours (Old Archived Guidance)

KS1 21 hours
KS2 23.5 hours

	EYFS/ Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 /4	Year 5/6
Session 1	8.50-11.45 2 hours 55 mins	8.50-12.00 3 hours 10 mins	8.50-12.15 3 hours 25 mins	8.50-12.30 3 hours 40 mins
Lunch Break	1hr	45min	45min	45min
Session 2	12.45-3.15 2 hours 30 mins	12.45-3.15 2 hours 30 mins	1.00-3.15 2 hours 15 mins	1.15-3.15 2 hours
Afternoon Playtime	No Playtime			
With current closure	5 hours 25 mins x 5= 27 hours 05 mins	5 hours 40 mins x 5 = 28 hours 20 mins	5 hours 40 mins x 5 = 28 hours 20 mins	5 hours 55 mins x 5= 29 hours 35 mins
With early school closure	26 hours 50 mins	27 hours 05 mins	27 hours 05 mins	28 hours 20 mins



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How is PPA covered currently?

PPA for teachers (2005 it is mandatory that every teacher has 10% non contact – which is 2.5 hours per week)

How are we currently covering this?

Miss Hughes releases teachers and takes children for sport and some core and non core lessons

Miss Kaur was also releasing (core and non-core subjects)

Mrs Harrington (EYFS and Y1-3)

Supply teachers (Core and non core)

Sports Coaches



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Our plan to make changes to the timings of the school day is so that:

- No child misses out on any valuable core learning time during the week. This will increase the consistency and quality of teaching in English, Maths and across the curriculum and will impact on standards across all subjects.
- The timetable allows for the class teachers to deliver all subjects and this is a key reason towards helping to raise standards across school.
- All the teachers are released at the same time eliminating the need for cover teachers and I believe this would provide stability and continuity to support the children's learning
- All teachers get their non-contact time without the need for cover teachers.
- This will also help with the facing budget costs that school have to make adjustments for. The money saved will go back into pupils learning.

What is the current timetable?

**Start: 08:55 to 3:15
(Monday to Friday)**

How will the proposed timetable look?

**Start: 08:55 to 3:15 (Monday to
Thursday)**

Friday: 08:55 to 2:00

What will happen on Friday

Children will have the lunch

Go to their classes to be registered by class teachers

Then go to their enrichment club or an Achievement
Assembly

1:00 – 1:30

1:30 – 2:00



What time will the children leave the school?

The children will leave at 2:00 pm on Friday. Staff will release children as normal to parents.



Options that are available:

Parents take children home or make arrangements

High Achievers have agreed to open their provision from 2:00 but will only charge parents from 2:15 to 3:15 (Session 1 £3.50 – normal activities) 1st Priority would be given to the normal user but have places for additional numbers – registration fee will apply to new users.

Session two will be charged as normal (3:15 to 6:00)

Seesaws: Have agreed to collect the children early and have a few more places.

Sunshine: Have been informed

Local childminders: Parents will need to inform childminder



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What has happened to Golden Time?

Children will go to their enrichment sessions which supports the awards system

What about the 1hr 15minutes as a result of the early closure?

We are well above the **old** allocated DFE time. A school has to only cover two sessions in a day and we are doing this with a break in between.

What about starting early and finishing late?

The earliest we would be able to start is 08:50 and finishing at 3:30 would mean having an afternoon break.

Why can't the school pay for the cost of childcare?

We do not have the funds available to fund this.

What If I refuse to collect my child at 2:00pm and leave my child till 3:15pm in school?

We will treat this as a normal process under picking children up late guidance from the Local Authority and follow the process.

What if I cannot afford High Achievers and have no one to collect my child at 2pm. The safety of all our pupils is paramount and working with parents is important and we understand this – we will take each case on an individual basis and discuss this with the parent.

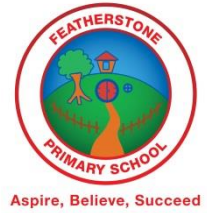
Why can't the teaching assistants look after my child till 3:15pm?

Teaching assistants are required to work with the Teachers to ensure that they are part of the planning process. It would also be unfair on the parents that already pay for the use of High Achievers/ other child care providers.

Some schools close at 1.00pm, why doesn't Featherstone consider a 1:00PM finish?

For the benefit of the parents I am trying to keep their childcare cost low.

Erdington schools that have also made a change to the school day and close on Friday.



St Peters St Pauls – Close at 2pm

Osborne Primary School – Close 1pm

Marsh Hill - Close at 1pm

Gunter (From January 2018– Close 1pm

Yenton – In the process.

Brookvale – Close at 1pm.

Questions



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Next stage

A second meeting with Governors to discuss the responses to the proposal and then make an informed final decision on whether to make the change or not.

When will the early closure start, if agreed?

20th April 2018



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**Thank you for your
attendance**