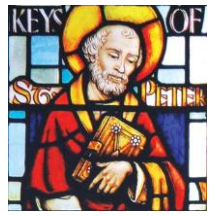




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12/05/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the reforms aimed at raising standards, the government announced that schools in England will have to offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023. Most schools already deliver a 32.5 hour school week. Currently our school day starts at 09.05am and finishes at 3.30pm which means our school week is 25 minutes short of the government's current ambition.

**Our Proposal:**

Start at **8.50am** and finish at **3.20pm** which means our gates would open at **8.40am** for our children to enter school to start registration.

We feel the above proposal would reduce the queuing that presently occurs from 8.40am until the gate currently opens at 8.55am. We have noted that some mornings the queue is out onto the busy main road. We feel an early opening both in the morning and afternoon would support those families who are rushing to attend work, appointments and/or to catch public transport etc.

The proposal of starting the school day slightly earlier will be beneficial to our pupils' learning as they are more alert in sessions before lunch. In addition, an end to the school day at 3.20pm means more staff will be available. This will enable us to offer more extra-curricular opportunities after school from September 2023 also.

Before and after school childcare provision (Linus Club) will still be available under either option. We know our Linus Club is a sought after provision.

I appreciate the proposed changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements. For this reason, I would like to invite you to share any feedback by emailing the school postbox:

[postbox@st-peters.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@st-peters.walsall.sch.uk)

After all feedback has been considered, I will write to you again (by 26th May 2023) to confirm the plan for the school day that will start from **September 2023**.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs H Taylor