



Wednesday 12th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of changes to the structure of the school day here at Russell Hall Primary School. These changes are in line with the statutory requirements to ensure that the school week is 32.5 hours long from **September 2024**. There is an expectation from the DfE for all mainstream schools to deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by **September 2024**. This follows the publication of DfE's review of time in school and 16-19 settings in November 2021 which showed that extending time in schools can benefit pupils' outcomes. This report can be found at the link below.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-time-in-school-and-16-to-19-settings>

To comply with these requirements, we will be extending the length of the day by 10 minutes. We will be adding this 10 minutes to the end of the day so the new finish time will be 3.20pm from **September 2024**. The start time of 8.50am will remain the same. I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education. The additional 10 minutes per day will enable teachers to fit more lesson time into a very busy timetable.

As a result of this change, after school clubs and wraparound care will begin at 3.20pm from **September 2024**.

I appreciate your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mr Grant