

St. Crispin's School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please may I seek your help regarding a consultation on the structure of our school day.

The Department for Education has issued non-statutory guidance recommending that all schools provide a minimum of 32.5 hours of education per week. At present, St. Crispin's operates at 31.6 hours which was based on the decision, out of Covid, to restructure social times during the school day (learning remaining as 5x 1 hour lessons), based on the timings we had been accustomed to in our bubbles. In order to align with the DfE guidance, we are exploring a small extension to the length of the school day.

Our proposal is to keep the start time at 8:30am, but to extend the end of the school day from our current time of 2:45pm/2.50pm to 3:00pm/3:05pm (the 5 minute difference is to stagger the exit of students to avoid congestion). This would create a school week that meets the recommended 32.5 hours and the current lesson allocation of 5 x 1 hour lessons per day, would not be affected.

Before any decisions are made, we are very keen to gather your views. We understand the importance of how changes to the school day can affect families, and we want to ensure that any adjustments are carefully considered and informed by your feedback.

As part of this process, we are currently looking at several different models for how the school day could be structured, and your perspective will be invaluable in helping us make the best possible choice for our students and community.

These considerations include:

- Extending tutor time in the morning by 10 minutes to allow for additional personal development sessions to be delivered and build on our already strong pastoral care.
- The possibility of a split lunch to reduce congestion in the restaurant.
- Additional time in the curriculum for enrichment sessions.

If you have any views on the structure of the school day or a new finish time of 3.05pm, please email consultation@crispins.co.uk. The consultation will run from today, Friday 20th March, until Monday 13th April.

We warmly encourage all parents and carers to contribute. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Peter Griffiths
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