



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of our proposal to change the timings of the school day here at Blackhall Primary.

The changes are outlined below:

End of the school day will change for all children (Reception to Year 6) to 3:30pm.

This will mean that the new school day would be:

Butterflies/Bluebells:

Morning session: 8:45am – 11:45am

Afternoon session: 12:15pm – 3:15pm

Reception to Year 6:

Start time: 9am (children can continue to come into school from 8:50am as normal but the doors on the school yard will close at 9am).

Finish time: 3:30pm

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. These include:

- Longer afternoon sessions to meet the demands of the wider curriculum. This will enable children to be provided with wider experiences and have more opportunities to achieve success with subjects they enjoy.
- Allow time for a focused active session during the afternoon which will stimulate minds and give children more physical exercise daily.
- All children (Reception to Year 6) will start and finish at the same time, preventing you as parents from having to wait if they have children in different year groups.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from Monday 17th April 2023.

The information in this letter has also been sent to school transport, the local authority and after school club providers. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your response to blackhallprimary@durhamlearning.net by Friday 3rd March. Alternatively, you can contact the school office and ask for myself.

We will release the results of the consultation as soon as possible following this deadline to ensure you have notice if any changes take place.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs R. Leonard
Head Teacher