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Dear Parents and Carers

FROM JANUARY 2023: Adjustment to timings of school day

The government's new white paper "*Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child*" sets out the clear expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023 at the latest. This follows a DfE review back in November 2021 which showed that extending time in school can benefit pupils' outcomes.

This 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of school (i.e. morning registration) to the official end of the compulsory school day (i.e. home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks, lunchtimes and any extra-curricular activities that all pupils are expected to attend. However, it does not include optional wraparound care provision.

Over the past couple of years, and in line with government COVID-19 guidance, we have been required to make changes to the school day in order to accommodate staggered start/finish times, and social distancing measures. Now, as we ease back to normal routine, some minor adjustments to the timings of our school day must be made to meet forthcoming DfE requirements.

Aspire Academy Trust seeks to implement the new timings from September 2022 to ensure all pupils benefit from the positive effect on their education the longer day will have. However, Mount Hawke Academy will be implementing the new timings from January 2023 as we have to give Cornwall Council Transport a term's notice for our buses and taxis.

From January 2023, Mount Hawke Academy timings will be:

- Morning - gates open at 8:30 am & close at 8:45 am when registers are taken (as now)
- Afternoon – dismissal at 3:15 pm instead of 3:00 pm
- Wraparound Care - hours remain the same as now – from 7:45 am until 5:00 pm

These changes are minimal and we trust may not have any adverse effect on our school community. However please do feel free to email: hello@mounthawke.org or call 01209 890230 if you have any queries, questions or feedback.

Kind regards

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