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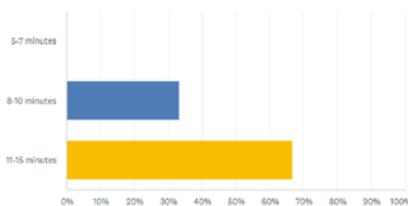
### School Day Changes 2022-23

Dear Parents and Carers,

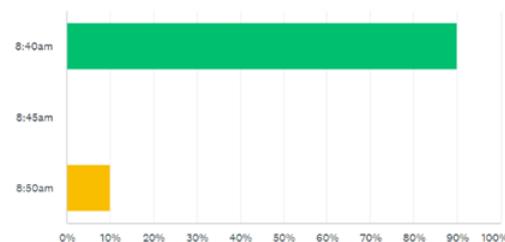
I am writing to inform you on some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Peacehaven Heights Academy. These changes are in response to the recent release of the Department for Education's [White Paper](#).

Firstly, thank you all very much for your valid contributions to our parent survey on this proposed change.

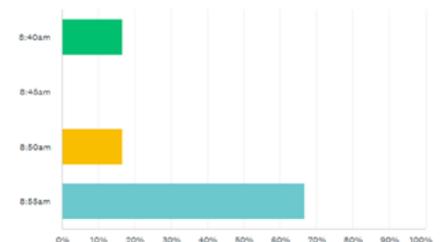
*If you have children on both the Infant and Junior sites, on average, how long does the journey between sites take?*



*What start time at the infants do you prefer?*



*What start time at the juniors do you prefer?*



The White Paper sets an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest.

The 32.5-hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end to the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time and any extra-curricular activities that all pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional before or after school provision.

The recent parent survey demonstrated that a large majority of parents are in favour of keeping the start times very similar to what they already are and in particular, maintaining a 15-minute window between drop offs at the infant and junior site. With all of this valuable feedback, we can now announce the school day times for September 2022.

Infants will start 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm

Juniors will start at 8.55am and finish at 3.25pm

As you can see, the start times are only changing by 5 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes at the end of the school day. There will no longer be a staggered start. Children are expected to be in their classes for these times and picked up at these times.

These changes will be beneficial to our school community, and will have positive outcomes on our children's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Dowling