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### Re: Consultation on the change of the school day at RVHS 2023

The governments white paper ‘**Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child**’ recommends an expectation that from September 2023 all schools should deliver a minimum of 32.5 school hours per week.

The 32.5-hour expectation is calculated from the official start of the day (i.e., morning registration) to the official end of the compulsory school day (i.e., official home time) and 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 any optional before or after school provision.

The current school week at RVHS falls short of this expectation at 31.25 hours per week. This is currently spread evenly over the 5-day week with the school open for 6 Hours 15 minutes per day starting at 8:35am and finishing at 2:50pm.

In order for us to be compliant, we have considered various options before proposing that from **September 2023** the school day will start 5 minutes earlier at **8:30am** and finish 10 minutes later at **3:00pm**. This will extend the length of the school day by 15 minutes to 6.5 hours (6 hours 30 minutes) per day, totalling 32.5 hours per week.

The structure of the school day will largely remain the same with 5 periods of 60-minute lessons, however timings may vary and tutor time is to be extended by 10 minutes to allow additional reading, literacy and personal development activities and break time will be increased by 5 minutes. Bus companies will be notified of changes and pick up and drop of times amended accordingly.

**Current structure of day 8:35am-2:50pm**, 5x 1-hour lessons, Tutor time 25 minutes, break 15 mins, lunch 35 minutes.

8:35-9:00	Form
9:00-10:00	Period 1
10:00-11:00	Period 2
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	Period 3
12:15-1:15	Period 4
1:15- 1:50	Lunch
1:50-2:50	Period 5

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**Proposed change- 8:30am-3:00pm** Form time extended by 10 minutes to 35 minutes to cover additional Literacy/Reading/PSHE. Break extended by 5 minutes and timings of the day altered.

8:30-9:05	Earlier start and extended form time by 10 mins for additional PSHE/Literacy and Reading
9:05-10:05	Period 1
10:05-11:05	Period 2
11:05-11:25	Break 5 minutes extra
11:25-12:25	Period 3
12:25-1:25	Period 4
1:25- 2:00	Lunch 10 minutes later, same length
2:00-3:00	Period 5

This proposal has been agreed by governors and is now open for consultation from members of the school community; parents, carers, staff, pupils, Local Authority and other stakeholders. The consultation period will continue until **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. Should you wish to comment on this proposal please do so by contacting the school on [admin@reddish.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reddish.stockport.sch.uk) marking your message with the heading **Consultation on change of school day RVHS 2023**

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and trust that this is adequate notice period for you to make any necessary arrangements.

Kind regards,



Linda Hanson  
Headteacher

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