



Ss John Fisher and Thomas More Catholic Primary School



13th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the times of our school day from September 2024. This is in line with the Government's White Paper of March 2022 and DfE's "Minimum expectation on length of the school week" information note, which state that schools should be open a **minimum of 32.5 hours per week**.

The full document can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2f21fbb13dc000cb2e5e1/Minimum_School_Week_Non-Statutory_Guidance.pdf

To ensure that we comply with this expectation, we are proposing to extend the school day by 15 minutes. This change will result in children starting at 8:40am and finishing at 3.10pm.

The current and proposed times are shown below:

Proposed new school day from September 2024

Start time	8:40 am
Finish time	3:10 pm

Current school day

Start time	8:50 am
Finish time	3.05 pm

By delivering a core school week of 32.5 hours, Ss John Fisher & Thomas More will be able to ensure all children have access to a fully broad & balanced curriculum which includes 10% of curriculum time for RE and provides additional opportunities to develop independent reading, spelling and handwriting.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements. For this reason, before making these changes to our school day in September 2024, I would like to hear any feedback you have in relation to these changes.

Feedback on the proposals can be sent to admin@st-johnfisher-st-thomasmore.manchester.sch.uk
Please ensure that you send your feedback to us by **24th June 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Hemington
Headteacher