

## Consultation on Proposed Changes to the School Day Timings

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Club and Wrap-around Care Providers,

We are writing to inform you of proposed changes to the timings school day at HISN and HJS. The Department for Education (DfE) has set an expectation for Key Stage 1 and 2 in mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week, which equates to 6.5 hours per day. While this expectation is non-statutory, it is an important consideration within the Ofsted inspection framework.

Currently, HJS is compliant with this expectation, but HISN is not, which creates a potential area of concern for future inspections. To bring HISN into compliance, we are proposing new school day timings. These proposed changes are carefully designed to meet the DfE expectation while maintaining our highly successful 'soft start' approach and the necessary stagger of times between the two schools.

### Proposed New School Day Timings

If approved, the new daily schedules would be as follows:

- **Hampton Infant School (Reception):** Soft start 8:30am - 8:40am; Finish 3:00pm (Daily length: 6 hours 20 minutes). HISN Nursery times will remain unchanged.
- **Hampton Infant School (Year 1 and 2):** Soft start 8:30am - 8:40am; Finish 3:10pm (Daily length: 6 hours 30 minutes). This proposal extends the day for these pupils by 25 minutes.
- **Hampton Junior School (Year 3,4,5 and 6):** Soft start 8:40am - 8:50am; Finish 3:20pm (Daily length: 6 hours 30 minutes).

This proposal involves a later start for pupils at HJS and extends the day by 5 minutes to maintain the difference in times which supports families to drop off and collect their children.

**Important note for our staff:** Contract hours for Learning Support Assistants will remain unchanged (8:30am until 3:00pm).

**Important note for club providers:** We are proposing that all of the clubs that run immediately after school would run from 3.10pm to 4.10pm at Hampton Infant School, and 3.20pm to 4.20pm at Hampton Junior School.



## **The Consultation Process**

Before any final decisions are made, we are initiating a consultation process to gather feedback from our key stakeholders. We are seeking input from:

- Parents and Carers
- School Staff, including both Teaching and Support staff
- External Club and Wrap Around Providers

Please complete the [eform](#) to provide your feedback on these proposals. The consultation will run from Friday 22nd May 2026 to Friday 5th June 2026.

Following the conclusion of this consultation, the Governing Body will review all the feedback received and consider the best way forward. Any changes to the school hour will need to be formally ratified by Governors. The intention is that a final decision will be made and communicated to stakeholders before the start of the Summer holidays, with a target start date of September 2026.

We highly value your partnership and look forward to hearing your thoughts during the consultation period.

Warm regards,

**The Governing Body**

