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Blacklow Brow School

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE
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Executive Headteacher: Mr Damian Kenny

Re: Proposal to change the finish time of the school day

Thursday 25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as Chair of Governors for Blacklow Brow School, to inform you of a proposed change to the finishing time of the school day. The consultation was agreed at full governors on Tuesday 15th December however, a decision to delay this letter was made due to Covid related priorities.

The proposal is to extend the end of the school day from 2.30pm to 2.50pm. Following receipt of feedback, should these changes be approved by the Governing body, then they will be effective from September 2021.

We as Governors believe that these changes will be beneficial to all children and will have a positive effect on your child's education and wellbeing. Ten of the additional twenty minutes will be used to extend lunch time for all year groups. This will give all children one full hour to relax, eat and play. Given the situation we have all been faced with in the last 12 months we believe that giving children additional time to socialize and be physically active is of the utmost importance. The remaining ten minutes will be used for learning and will be focused on the priorities of the children. It may not seem a lot, but 50 minutes additional educational time each week will have a positive impact on your children.

Mr Kenny and I will host a live, Google meet presentation on **Wednesday 10th March at 5.30pm**. Here we will discuss the finer detail and rationale behind the proposal. The link to this meeting will be posted on class Dojo before 10.00am that morning.

Traffic and parking with neighboring schools have also been taken into consideration. **After school provision would continue to be available as normal.**

The information in this letter has also been sent to Knowsley Local Authority and neighbouring schools.

We appreciate that these changes may impact on you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements. I would therefore like to invite you to give your feedback on this proposal by sending your responses to Office@BlacklowBrowSchool.co.uk by **Friday 19th March 2021**.

The final decision concerning these proposed changes will be sent by letter to all parents/carers by Friday 26th March 2021.

As stated, if approved these changes will become effective from September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Irene Tuzio
Chair of Governors

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