



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**Re: proposal to change the length of the school day**

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school day here at Spa Academy Askern; specifically,

- To extend the school day by 30 minutes, meaning all pupils will finish school at 3:30pm daily.
- Gates will continue to open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am for morning registration with lessons starting promptly at 8:45am
- After school provision (clubs and boosters) would run from 3:30 until 4:30pm

Should the change be approved, it will come into force from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

This increase will see Spa Academy going above and beyond the Department of Education's minimum expectation of a 32.5-hour school week.

We believe that this change will be beneficial to the school community, and have a positive effect on your child's education. By extending the school day, we will be able to dedicate increased time to wider curriculum subjects (History, Geography, Art, DT, Music to name but a few), whilst continuing to support our pupils with gaps in their education to ensure they have the best possible chance of success.

I appreciate that this change may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to [consultation@spaacademyaskern.com](mailto:consultation@spaacademyaskern.com).

We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Spa Academy Askern.

Yours sincerely,

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