



The Forest School
Every Child, Every Chance



10th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Consultation to change the school day

You may be aware that the lunchtime for the students is currently one hour. From observations over the past term and research it is clear that this longer period out of lessons is too long for the majority of our students. For September, we have created a structure that ensures that all children can still eat comfortably within half an hour and have some time with peers as a break from learning. To ensure that children still get appropriate movement breaks they will be spread throughout the day in a flexible approach as required and will be part of the planned educational provision for all pupils.

This proposed change will mean that the end of the school day, Monday to Thursday will be at 3pm rather than 3.30pm. This will align the school with others in the Trust. By reducing our lunchtimes from the current one hour down to half an hour, this ensures there is no change to the overall amount of learning time in school. This will also allow staff to access training from other schools within the Trust and for staff to plan together as a team at the end of each day.

As you know, The Forest School currently finishes at 2pm on a Friday to facilitate staff training, which is very important in the development of staff working with students with complex needs and this will remain unchanged. The start of the day will also remain at 8:55am.

This change is all part of the rapid improvement plan that we have for The Forest School.

If you have any comments or questions about the change for September, please send them to the school by Email to admin@forest-school.org by Monday 5th June the attention of myself.

Yours faithfully,

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