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Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation regarding the changes to the times of the school day

Thank you to all parents who read our consultation document on the changes of times for the school day. A large proportion of families have downloaded the document thank you.

Of those families who responded, there was an overwhelmingly positive attitude about school and the way that staff have made every effort to keep things as normal as possible for children in what have been very difficult circumstances.

We thank you for this, but also return the praise and thanks to all our families for their resilience and efforts to work with us keeping our children educated and safe since March 2020. We have all learned a lot from our experiences and use our learning and experiences to make our children's education an ever-deepening learning experience.

Of the respondents to the consultation a very large majority were in favour of keeping the 8.45 start and the 3.00pm finish. Many families found this convenient and fits nicely into their existing family lives. Clearly there were a few families that said this change will affect them adversely.

The Board of Governors at Steeton considered all our parent's representations and thank you for reading and responding to the recent consultation.

The Governors have come to the decision that the school day will permanently change to:

8.45 – 3.00pm Monday to Friday

In coming to this decision, they considered all comments weighing them up carefully. Governors were careful to ensure that the permanent change in times meant not one minute less learning time in the classroom, which school leaders were able to assure them of. The governors were particularly pleased that the 3.00pm finish allowed the time for school staff to run many more after school clubs and noted the excellent provision for these coming through at the moment, with more after school enrichment due in the Autumn term.

School gates will be open and the playground staffed from 8:30am. Further details about drop off/pick up arrangements for September will be sent out next week with Transition Documents.

So, in conclusion the school day from 1st September will be:

8.45 – 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

Thank you, once again for all your ongoing support.

Mr John Cooper Executive Head teacher

Mr Kevin Wheeler Head of School

Mrs Sue West Chair of Governors

