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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Length of the School Day – September 2023

Firstly, thank you for any feedback that you offered with regards to the proposed changes to the school day. Now that the consultation period has ended, I am writing to inform you of changes, *in line with government expectations*, to the structure of the school day at Cottingham CofE.

From September 2023, the following changes will come into place:

- **Start of school day (Register) - time of 8:55am**
- **End of school day - time of 3:25pm**

The Mill Rd gate will continue to open at **8:45am** and will close promptly at **8:55am**. Children arriving after this time, via the office, will be marked as late. Children in YR/KS1 will continue to enter their class to join in with morning activities to reinforce and consolidate key learning from the week. Children in KS2 will join their peers either on the playground or in class as instructed. Although the 8:45am start is optional, it is recommended that children arrive at this time to avoid any lateness.

The Department for Education states that all mainstream schools and academies are expected to provide a minimum week of 32.5 hours from September 2023 and publish timings upon the school website. The timings are taken from the official start of the day (register) and includes lunchtimes, breaks and collective worship. Currently our length of week falls short by 10 minutes per day, as a result the above changes will be made to the structure of the school day.

The changes will come into force from **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

After consultation with staff/parents/carers, I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education due to the afternoon's learning being increased whilst allowing the current morning arrangements to continue. There will be a slight change to worship timings (tbc) to allow for the additional, afternoon curriculum time. Timings for after school clubs will not be affected.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Scott (Headteacher)

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