



# Lessness Heath Primary School

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## Consultation to changes to the timings to the school day

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Headteacher and Governing Body have decided to review the hours of the school day with effect from September 2017, to ensure that our children have the best opportunity to receive a fantastic education.

We are proposing to streamline the school timetable to ensure that we provide clear teaching and learning sessions that give the children the optimum amount of time and opportunity to learn and progress.

As the timetable currently stands, there are sessions in the day that are not conducive to learning. The afternoon sessions for children in KS1 and KS2 are either 2 hours 15mins long for KS1 or 2 hours long for KS2. Children find it difficult to maintain learning behaviours as the sessions are so long. Also the timings on a Friday afternoon, when the school finishes at 2pm, does not give any purposeful learning time for this afternoon session, therefore learning time is lost.

Furthermore, by implementing the changes outlined above we will be able to reduce the finishing time of the school day from 3.30pm to 3.15pm whilst maximising the time for learning during the school week.

Also, as many parents will be aware, the 2pm finish time for the main school is not the same as the 3.30pm finish time for our Nursery children, consequently parents are coming to the school twice to pick up their children.

All Nursery children are entitled to 15 hours a week. Presently we offer 3 hours every morning or 3 hours every afternoon. We are proposing to change this to offer two and a half full days. Children will have their lunch at school on two days.

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*This school is committed to the safeguarding and protection of children*

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Nursery hours:

Group 1: 9.00am -3.25pm Monday and Tuesday 9.00am -11.10am Wednesday

Group 2: Wednesday 1.15pm -3.25pm Thursday 9.00am -3.25pm Friday 9.00am -3.25pm

These hours will allow parents to drop off and pick up any children they have first before bringing a nursery child to school.

Proposal for September 2017

- The school day for Years Reception to Year 6 will continue to start at 8.50am (soft start entry from 8.40am in Y1 - Y6).
- The school day for Years Reception through to Year 6 will end at 3.15pm every day but will not reduce any opportunities for learning.
- The Nursery hours will change (as above) to align with the main school.
- There will continue to be an after school club, which will start at 3.15pm.

It is important that the school receives any parent's views as part of the consultation exercise we are undertaking. Once the consultation process is completed, the school and the Governing Body will decide whether any or all of the changes to the school day will take place with effect from the start of the September 2017 academic school year.

If you wish to comment on the proposed changes to our school day, please send your response in writing for the attention of the Headteacher either by post or email to [admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk). Comments should be received no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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