



James Bateman Middle School

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Consultation: Proposal to change the school day

18th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our on-going commitment to providing the best education possible for our pupils, I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school day here at James Bateman Middle School. They are:

- To start our school day earlier and finish earlier. The new start time would be 8.30am until 3.00pm. There would be enrichment activities available 3.00pm until 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and our after school club would still be available from 3.00pm until 5.45pm for those parents wishing to access it. Breakfast club would continue from 7.30pm.

Current

Session	Session Times
Morning Registration	8.50-9.00
Lesson 1	9.00-10.00
Lesson 2	10.00-11.00
Assembly/Form Period	11.00-11.15
Break	11.15-11.30
Lesson 3	11.30-12.30
Lunchtime	12.30-1.20
Afternoon Registration	1.20-1.30
Lesson 4	1.30-2.30
Lesson 5	2.30-3.30

Proposed

Session	Session Times
Morning Registration	8.30-8.40

Lesson 1	8.40-9.40
Lesson 2	9.40-10.40
Break	10.40-10.55
Lesson 3	10.55-11.55
Lesson 4	11.55-12.50
Lunchtime	12.50-1.35
Lesson 5	1.35-2.35
Assembly /Form Period	2.35-3.00

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from **1st September 2020**.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. Research shows that pupils learn more effectively in the morning and that behaviour for learning is also more focused during this time. Under the proposed changes, no teaching time would be lost but it would allow for an enrichment programme to be incorporated into the school day.

The aim of the programme is to introduce pupils to a wide range of experiences, which will be led by our specialist and talented staff. It would encompass a wide range of opportunities that will not only support academic progress but aid personal growth and development too.

The expectation is that all pupils will attend at least one session a week but we hope that many will opt to attend more. This programme will be free, however, for some of the more bespoke activities there may be small charge.

The information in this letter has also been sent to schools within the Biddulph Partnership, the local authority and the Creative Learning Partnership. We will make sure we continue to work together so that there is minimal disruption for pupils and the wider community.

I appreciate that the proposed changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements; you may also have questions about the curriculum or your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses via email by **Monday 8th June 2020 to**

consultation@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk

Responses will be considered throughout the consultation period and a final decision will be communicated to staff, students and parents/carers on **Monday 15th June 2020**. If the proposals are agreed, it will allow a period of almost 12 weeks before the new arrangements come into operation. You will receive a text notification to inform you that the results of the consultation are available and this can be viewed on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Price

Headteacher