

Length of the School Week

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Adrian's Governing Body's Response to Government Guidelines and the School's Ofsted Report

Mrs Porter indicated in the Bulletin of 4th November 2022 the government White Paper of March 2022 detailing that 'schools will also be asked to offer at least a 32.5 hour school week by September 2023'. As the White Paper never went through Parliament because of the many changes in government, a non-statutory minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours was introduced for all state-funded and maintained schools.

In the school's recent **Section 8 Ofsted Report**, the Inspector stated: '*The school does not currently meet the expectation of teaching hours and the governors have begun the process to ensure that the school meets the expectation by September 2023.*'

Following discussions, calculations relating to the teachers' contract of 1265 hours of directed time and lengthy consideration including a meeting with members of staff, the governing body has now agreed that, from the beginning of the Autumn Term 2023, the length of the school day will be:

8.45am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday

This means registration will be at 8.45am instead of 8.55am, as it is now, and that on a Friday, the children will be taught during the afternoon until 3.15pm in order for the school to meet the government expectation of a school week of 32.5 hours. The gates will therefore open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am. The governing body realises that this may be very helpful to some families, while a disappointment to others, but has no choice as a state-funded school but to meet the requirements.

I would be grateful if you would:

- sign and return to the school the response slip below to acknowledge that you have read and understood this information.
- send details of any particular individual circumstances relating to your child/children that you wish the governing body to consider regarding any of the above to The Clerk to the Governors via the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Martha Moroney

Chair of Governors

Please complete the Google form to confirm that you have read and understood the information in the letter from the Chair of Governors regarding the changes to be introduced to the school week from September 2023. **Complete form by Monday 19th June 2023.**

[Extension of school week acknowledgement](#)