

June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Proposed Changes to the School Day**

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Bromley Beacon Academy, Orpington. The proposal is as follows:

- **Current school days** - Monday to Friday 08:45 - 15:00
- **Proposed new school days** – Monday to Thursday 08:35-15:00, Friday will be a shorter day, start time 08:35 but finishing at the earlier time of **14:00**.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

This increase Monday to Thursday will ensure that we meet the Department of Education's minimum expectation of a 32.5-hour school week if we finish earlier on Friday.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. These changes will also support both staff and pupils' mental health and wellbeing, looking forward to a shorter day before the weekend.

The information in this letter has also been sent to SEN transport, we will work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to the school office for my attention.

We will release the results of the consultation by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and will communicate the outcome and final decision by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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