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### **Changes to the length of the school day from September 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share the results of our recent parental consultation that took place in June and to inform you of our joint decision to implement the proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Whitehall Infants' and Whitehall Junior Schools from the beginning of September 2019. There were an overwhelming number of parents across our two schools that were in favour of the move to end the school day earlier.

As highlighted in the consultation letter, the changes are as follows:

#### **Infants' School**

Current school closing time: 3:25pm

**New school closing time: 3:10pm**

**Nursery** - The afternoon session will remain open until 3.30 but you can collect your child from 3.15 if you wish.

#### **Junior School**

Current school closing time: 3:30pm

**New school closing time: 3:15pm**

As school leaders, careful consideration is given to such decisions being made and this change will now bring us more broadly in line with the timings of other Hillingdon schools. Whilst we note the few concerns expressed by some parents, we wish to assure you that this will not impact on the quality of education, or indeed the service, that we currently provide for our families.

With these changes having been approved by both schools, they will come into force when your child returns to school after the summer break (i.e. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019). I 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 not impact on the length of the periods of rest breaks which all children currently receive as we believe that this is crucial to children leading happy and balanced lifestyles.

The information in this letter will now also be sent to the Local Authority and Transport for London and we will liaise with our respective after school club providers. 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. We are looking at further ways in which we can support you with after school childcare and will provide further information in the coming weeks to allow you to make the necessary arrangements before September.

Yours sincerely

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