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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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Proposal to Alter the School Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of proposed changes to the structure of the school day at Dorin Park School:

- **Option 1:** Moving the school day to **9.15am – 3.15pm**, rather than the current **9.25am – 3.25pm** pattern
- **Option 2:** Staggering the start and end of the school day:
 - Primary pupils attending **9.10am – 3.10pm**, and Seniors attending (as current) **9.25am – 3.25pm**

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from September 2022.

I believe these changes will benefit the school community and positively affect your child's education.

Option 1 benefits:

- Parents who drop off a sibling at a local school currently arrive at our school very early and have to wait a long time for our day to start. This would reduce the waiting time for these parents and pupils at the start of the day.
- Some parents are using the after-school clubs at SPACE and LIVE locally, but these start at 3.30pm, so some families are requesting to take their child from school early to get to the clubs for their start time. Ending school at 3.15pm would fit better with this.
- Waiting time in the morning for children transported in taxis would be reduced, as many taxis already arrive by 9.10am.

Option 2 benefits:

- For Primary pupils, all option 1 benefits would still apply.
- Congestion on the car park currently makes the transition times at each end of the day very long – a staggered start would make this time quicker for all pupils, taxis and families using our site.

The information in this letter has also been sent to the local authority and CWAC transport service. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements and in terms of your child's education or transport arrangements. For these reasons, I invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses to pa@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk by **31st January 2022**.

We will release the results of the consultation by **1st March 2022** and display this on our website in addition to emailing all families and other stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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