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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

8th March 2022

Re: Changes to the School Day from September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Transport Providers,

As you know, we consulted parents, carers, staff and transport services about a slight change to our school day.

Two options were proposed:

- Option 1 – move the school day 10 minutes earlier
- Option 2 – stagger start and end of day with Primary and Seniors arriving and leaving 15 minutes apart

We had a high level of engagement from all parties, with a range of comments and opinions both positively welcoming change and also putting forward the drawbacks and challenges.

Option 2 has had to be discounted as Transport informed us that the additional cost could be around £300,000.

Option 1 was favourably responded to by parents who need to take their other children to school and wait for a long time to come into school in the morning; also parents who like the prospect of their child being picked up earlier by transport, which will again help them with transporting siblings or in order to get to work on time.

A handful of parents said they would struggle to arrive at 3.10-3.15 for pick up due to collecting siblings. In response, we will put in a central waiting point for these pupils where they can wait and play for 15 minutes.

Only 1 taxi contract was concerned about the impact of option 1 on their other contracts.

Governors have voted to move forward with option 1. This means that from September 2022:

- School doors will open at start of day at 9.10am for a 9.15am start
- School doors will open at end of day at 3.15pm for a 3.20pm finish

A 15 minute *collection club* will be available for the small number of families who are not able to come to pick up any earlier than they do currently. This will run from 3.20 to 3.35 for this small group of pupils.

Although this option helps with school organisation, it does not help with congestion on site. For this, other solutions, such as a redesign of the main car parking area, are being considered.

In the summer term, we will be asking parents to inform school if they need to use the *collection club* for their child, to ensure we can plan for this provision for September 2022.

Thank you for engaging in this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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