



Nunthorpe
Academy

20 March 2024.

Consultation on proposal to change the length of the school day at Nunthorpe Academy to be compliant with new Department for Education minimum expectations.

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s) and stakeholders

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school day at Nunthorpe Academy.

The proposal is for the Nunthorpe Academy school day to start from 8.30am rather than 8.40am every day. This means from 1 September lesson 1 would start at 8.30am and be 70 minutes rather than the current 60 minutes. Timings for the rest of the school day would remain the same. Should the changes be approved, they will come into effect from 1 September 2024.

This increase will ensure Nunthorpe Academy meets the Department for Education's new statutory minimum expectation of a 32.5-hour school week. The Department for Education class a 'core school week' as the time the school day starts for all students to the official end of the school day for all students. It does not include optional activities, or those that are only available for some students. The Department for Education's new expectation comes into force from 1 September.

We would use the additional 10 minutes per day to develop age appropriate literacy and reading skills for our students across all three Key Stages.

I appreciate these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions or comments related to your child's education. For this reason, Please share any feedback via academydayconsultation@nunthorpe.co.uk

The consultation will close on Monday 8 April 2024.

We will release the results of the consultation by the end of April via Class Charts and an update on the Academy's website.

Yours sincerely

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