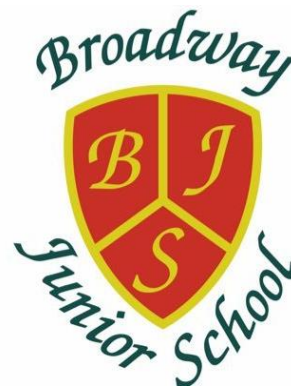


# Broadway Junior School

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## **\*\*Important Updates: The School Day (as of September 2024)\*\***

Dear Families,

You may recall that earlier in the academic year, I mentioned the school day required review. In light of the Department for Education's expectation that all schools offer a minimum school day of 6 ½ hours (32 ½ hours per week), we need to review our start and finish times at Broadway Junior School. It is the DFE's expectation that all schools implement these changes by September 2024 and many other schools have already acted upon this.

I am very interested in your views and plan to take any responses given to our governing body for further consideration. **A link to an online survey will be sent via text directly to you – it will take a matter of minutes to complete!**

As a Junior School located almost 1 mile away from its feeder infant school, this is always an important consideration. However, we must always make decisions that are in the best interests of our children, our community and we need to consider logistics too.

I'd like to prepare the community early for changes to transport. The scholars bus has been a longstanding arrangement, organised by Nexus. I have been informed by Nexus recently that this service – due to lack of demand – will **not** be on offer in September 2024. Therefore, I am proposing a change to the school day which takes this into consideration including careful thought to the times implemented at Grindon Infant School who officially start at 8.50am and end at 3.20pm.

There are two 'models' proposed for September 2024. Whichever works best, we will aim to trial this later in the summer term so that 'teething issues' can be ironed out and allowing us to be ready for a smooth re-opening in September.

Model A (as of September 2024)	Model B (as of September 2024)
Breakfast Club: 8.00am ( <i>FREE</i> )	Breakfast Club: 8.00am ( <i>FREE</i> )
AM Gates: Open @ 8.45am / Close @ 9.00am <b>School Official Start: 9.00am</b>	AM Gates: Open @ 8.30am / Close @ 8.40am <b>School Official Start: 8.40am</b>
PM Gates: Open @ 3.25pm <b>School Official End: 3.30pm</b>	PM Gates: Open @ 3.05pm <b>School Official End: 3.10pm</b>
After School Clubs: 3.30pm – 4.30pm	After School Clubs: 3.10pm – 4.10pm
<b>Proposed</b> Wraparound Care: 3.30pm – 5.30pm	<b>Proposed</b> Wraparound Care: 3.10pm – 5.30pm

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## **Question: Is a 10 minute window enough between schools?**

We have given some thought to the questions that may follow should this change be implemented. For those with siblings at Grindon Infant School, using Model A, we would ensure that children could access our free Breakfast Club on a morning meaning children could be dropped off at our school first.

At the end of the day, we would ensure that anyone with siblings at Grindon Infant School were provided with appropriate supervision here until you were able to arrive and collect them. Alternatively, our usual permissions form would apply if you chose for your child to leave school unaccompanied at the end of the day.

## **Wraparound Care:**

Many families have enquired about Wraparound and have expressed an interest in this. It is only something we can do if it is financially viable. Of course, this would come with staffing costs and would be charged at a competitive rate. I know many of our families use costly childcare so our school governors would like to consider a service provided by trusted staff at Broadway. As we consider changes to the school times, this seems like a perfect opportunity to also consider this option. Please use the survey link provided to also express your view on this. If the demand is there, we will look into this further.

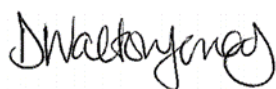
Thank you for any contribution that you can make to help us navigate this important change.

Our online survey will remain open from today, **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

You can also access this from the QR code, included.

I will write to you all again with updates when I am able.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. D. Walton-Jonas  
**Headteacher**



Mr. S. Metcalfe  
**Chair of Governors**

