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Proposed change of school hours to align with DfE Recommendation

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the timings of the school day here at Saltergate.

From September, the Governing Body have proposed that the timings of the school day will be slightly different. This is to ensure that all year groups in school are meeting the recommendation from the Department for Education with regard to the hours of the school week.

Proposed Hours – September 2023

Classes	Morning Start	Morning end	Afternoon Start	Afternoon end	Total
Discovery Learning (previously Gateways & Nursery)	8:50am	11:50am	12:05pm	3:05pm	31.25 hours
YR & KS1	8.50am	11:50am	12:50pm	3:20pm	32.5 hours
KS2	8:45am	12.10pm	1pm	3:15pm	32.5 hours

The timings for Discovery Learning allow for two three hours sessions, enabling the use of both 15- and 30-hour funding. As Discovery Learning, YR and KS1 are on one side of the school site, the start times are the same, enabling parents to drop off children to these year groups from 8.50am. The slightly earlier start for KS2 allows parents time to also drop off older children and to check that they have gone safely into school.

At the end of the day, our youngest pupils in Discovery Learning will finish first. We have tried to make the finishing times for YR, KS1 and KS2 reasonably close together, whilst allowing time for parents to collect from different areas and fulfilling the DfE recommendations.

We have ensured that Kid’s Club are aware of these small changes and are able to accommodate them.

As these changes are very minimal, we hope that they will not cause any disruption to parents and carers with regard to childcare or working arrangements. However, we appreciate that you may wish to give feedback to the Governing Body and this can be done by using the Contact Us form on our website. We anticipate that these changes will come into effect from September 5 2023.





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We believe that these changes will be beneficial as they will enable more teaching time in some year groups and will bring a more consistent approach for YR, KS1 and KS2. This is in line with the DfE recommendations, which will become a statutory requirement by September 2024.

Kind Regards,

Jo Hall

Executive Headteacher

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