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21st March 2024

Proposal to change the length of the academy day

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you of a proposed change to the length of the academy day at West Lakes Academy. This change will take effect from 1st September 2024.

West Lakes Academy is proposing this change because it will enable the academy to provide a higher quality of education through the provision of more regular staff development time.

The Department for Education requires that all schools provide students with a minimum of 32.5 school hours per week. Under the proposed new model for next academic year, West Lakes Academy would provide students with a 33.3 hour academy week. Ensuring that our academy week is longer than that required as a minimum by the government enables us to offer a broad and balanced curriculum that changes lives through learning.

We are proposing that from 1st September, 2024:

- The academy day will start at 8.30 am
- The academy day will end at 3.10 pm

We also hope that in reducing the length of the academy week, we will support students and their families in engaging in more extra-curricular activities and in striking a healthy work/life balance.

School Transport are being contacted as part of our consultation and bus timings will be changed as necessary to accommodate these changes.

If you would like to find out more about the changes to the academy day, there will be two information sessions at the academy on the following dates:

- Wednesday 17th April 5.00pm
- Thursday 25th April 5.00pm

If you wish to share any feedback about this proposed change, please email contactus.wla@changinglives.education Whilst we may not respond to all feedback directly, all views will be taken into consideration.

The consultation will close on Tuesday 30th April and a final confirmation of the timings of the academy day for next academic year will be shared with students, parents and the wider community on the 7th May.

Yours faithfully,

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