June 7th 2019

**Consultation on Changing the Times of the School Day 2019/2020**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Governing Body is writing to you as part of a consultation process to seek your views on a proposal to alter the timing and format of the school day at New City Primary School from September 2019.

The changes alongside the rationale for change are set out below. We have consulted with school staff and would like to take on board your views before putting in place any change from September.

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| Change | Rationale |
| Start the school day at 8.50 am | * Children are attentive and responsive earlier in the day * Anticipated reduction in traffic congestion * Helpful for parents with siblings in neighbouring schools |
| Reduction in the length of the lunch time from 60 minutes to 45 minutes | * The new dining room will enable more children to be fed at one time and ensure the dining experience is satisfying * Health and Safety re: overcrowding in the playground will be reduced * Well-being and behaviour of pupils * Space for playground games |
| Reduction in the length of the school day to 3:10pm | * Anticipated reduction in traffic congestion * Helpful for parents with siblings in neighbouring schools * More opportunities for after school clubs as more staff available * More time for staff training and development * More time for planning between support staff and teaching staff |

The minimum teaching requirements as advised by the Government are not being compromised by these proposed changes.

The staff and Governors feel strongly that these changes will have a positive impact on the welfare and education of the children and staff well-being at New City Primary School.

We will be holding 2 meetings for parents **only** on Monday June 17th at 2pm and 6pm where the leadership team will present the rationale, logistics and support for working parents.

If you would like to share your views, please complete the form attached.

The consultation period will end at 4pm on Friday 28th June 2019, so please respond before the deadline. The Governors will consider the responses in their meeting on Thursday 11th July and will inform all families of the outcome thereafter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Stone Asha Choolhun

Headteacher Chair of Governors

**Changes to the School Day-Parent Consultation**

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| Name: | Name of child and class: |

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| Response |

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| Signature: | Date: |

Please ensure that your response is submitted by 4pm on Friday 28th June 2019.

Thank you