



## Aston Tower Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

I wrote to you earlier in the term about changes to our school day because of the Government's expectation that schools should provide 32.5 hours of school time each week. Thank you to the parents who responded. We have asked for the views of staff and shared all views with trustees. Most parents were happy with the proposals. Some parents did ask if we could start the school day at the same time every day instead of 5 minutes earlier on a Friday. As much as we tried to do this we were not able to do so because it would mean the time teachers start their planning sessions on Friday afternoons would be late. As teachers start working at Aston Tower very early, we felt it was important not to ask them to stay late on a Friday.

Therefore, from September 2023 school times will be as follows:

Monday to Thursdays

School starts at 8:35am and finishes at 3:35pm

Fridays

School starts at 8:30am and finishes at 1:00pm

We will continue to run Friday afternoon club for children whose parents qualify for this.

The times for nursery and reception will be:

Mondays to Thursdays

Reception and nursery start at 8:40am and finishes at 3:35pm

Fridays

8:35am to 1:00pm

Another change from September is that we will not open the Tower Road gate for parents to leave our premises. We will ask you to come in and leave through the gate you enter the playground.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Moore

Headteacher

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