

5th March 2024

Change to the length of the school day

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

I am writing to inform you of proposed changes to the structure of the school day for Castle Hill Primary School from **September 2024**. This increase will ensure that we meet the Department of Education's new minimum expectation of a 32.5-hour school week by increasing learning time.

The start of the school day will remain unchanged with a 5-minute registration starting at 8.45 am and lessons commencing promptly at 08:50 am.

The change will be at the end of the school day which will finish at 15:15 instead of 15:00.

We are liaising with Castle Hill Infants and aim to align our end of day timings with our infant colleagues.

The school is obliged to make these changes in line with the Department of Education requirements and these minor alterations have been made in order to comply with the directive to have as minimum disruption to the day as possible.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions about this change by the 26th March 2024.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely



John DF Martin

Executive Headteacher