

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your response to our consultation to date.

As expected at this stage in the consultation process, there has been a mixed response; there have been a large number of positive comments, a variety of questions raised which we have answered, and a series of statements which we will take on board but do not require a response.

It is important for us to clarify the financial need to undertake consultation on the timings of the school day. Whilst we can understand that a majority of parents believe the proposal is due to staff retention, it is primarily to balance our budgets next year. The Q&A offers facts and figures regarding the financial deficit, reasons and mitigations to date.

Many alternative options to the school day length have been considered by all leaders, however the consensus took into account the impact on children's learning - rejecting a reduction in support staff; larger classes for portions/whole school days due to teacher reductions; and more teaching undertaken by staff without qualified teacher status to name a few.

Attached to this email are the responses to your questions to date. The Board of Directors, CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Central Team at TSSMAT (The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust) and Headteachers' have worked together in order to respond to the most common questions when outlining our intention to reduce the school day. We will add to this as more questions are posed and meetings are held. Thank you.

I urge you to read this thoroughly in its entirety as it offers far more information and explanation regarding this measure proposed.

Kind regards,



Charlene Gethin  
(CEO)