

SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

We hope you are well, despite the ongoing unseasonal weather. A huge thank you to those parents who were up in the middle of the night to see the Year 8 French trip off; keep checking Facebook for updates.

We wish to inform you about a minor change we propose to make to the length of the school day from September. Currently we have a staggered end to our school day with Year 8 finishing at 3.35pm and Years 6 and 7 finishing at 3.40pm. **Our proposal is that from September all pupils will finish at 3.35pm.** Whilst this may seem like a small change to most, the extra five minutes per day will bring some significant benefits to the successful running of our school. These include:

- All pupils finishing at the same time will make managing the end of the school day easier for staff and, hopefully, parents too.
- An earlier finish time means sporting fixtures can start earlier. Most secondary schools finish significantly earlier than this.
- In order to ensure the highest possible quality of provision, we are seeing more and more staff working across both middle schools. This change would mean our two middle schools have the same school day.
- Whilst this change won't mean a reduction in the number of hours staff work, over the course of the year, the extra 5 minutes each day will provide an additional 16 hours of staff development time.

Given this length of school day currently runs successfully at Kirkburton Middle School, we are confident the proposed change will have no detrimental impact on the quality of the education our school provides. Indeed, for some of the reasons above, we believe it will help lead to ongoing improvements. The total length of the school day will be 33.3 hours per week which is well above the government recommended time of 32.5 hours. This proposal has been approved by governors however before making such a change, it is important we consult yourselves.

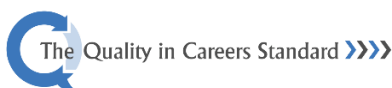
If you would like to provide any feedback on this proposal, we ask you put it in writing and email / send it to Mrs S Booth, PA to the headteacher, sbooth@themast.co.uk by no later than Friday 5th July.

Your sincerely,

Mr C Taylor
Executive Headteacher

Mrs G Senior
Head of School

Please see below for a breakdown of the full, proposed, school day from September 2024.





The School Day

Time	Activity
8:50	Warning bell (pupils should be on site by this time)
8:55	Behaviour curriculum / assemblies
9:20	Lesson 1
10:15	Lesson 2
11:10	Break
11:30	Lesson 3
12:25	Lunchtime and clubs
13:25	Reading
13:45	Period 4
14:40	Lesson 5
15:35	End of the school day After school clubs and activities Pupils travelling home by bus must line up in the hall

- Pupils arriving at school after 8.55am must report to reception to sign in. Where there is not a genuine reason for being late, a late mark will be issued.