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Dear Parents,

In March 2022 the Department for Education announced all state-funded mainstream schools are expected to deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours (6.5 hours a day) by September 2023. Whilst this legislation has not yet been formalised in parliament, we do expect it to go ahead and we want to ensure that we are well prepared. Our current school day currently falls short of the proposed 32.5 hours by 25 minutes a day and as a result we have had to carefully consider the options available to meet government expectations.

The table below shows the current timings and the proposed changes from September 2023 which we have discussed with the Wensum Trust and the school's Local Advisory Board.

Current Garrick Green School Day

Doors open	Session Start	Session Finish
8.55am	9.00am	3.00pm

Proposed Garrick Green School Day

Doors open	Session Start	Session Finish
8.30am	8.40am	3.00pm

To arrive at this decision, we have had to consider the start and finish times of Old Catton and White Woman Lane Junior Schools, which are set and are not going to change. We have to ensure that start and end times complement each other in order to support parents travelling between the schools to drop off and collect their children.

Before we implement these timings, we would like to consult with parents to hear any thoughts you may have on what we are proposing. There are two ways in which you can do this:

- We will be available in the hall on Friday 21st April 2023 from 9.00-9.30am if you would like to come and discuss the plans.
- You can also provide feedback via the Google form linked below.

<https://forms.gle/v8ixxcqGRbdM6VGZA>

The closing date for the consultation period is Wednesday 26th April 2023.

Once this consultation period has ended, and the school has made a final decision on the new timings of the school day from September 2023, we will contact parents again to confirm the arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Dewing
Headteacher

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