

SOUTHWOOD, DOWNS BARN and GERMANDER PARK SCHOOLS

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Monday 27th March 2023

Re: proposal to change the school day timings at Southwood, Downs Barn and Germander Park Schools.

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day at Southwood School, Downs Barn School and Germander Park School.

In March 2022, the Department for Education published a document called 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child', which set an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours from September 2023. In order to comply with this, whilst being aware of the need to ensure parents and carers can get siblings to and from two schools at the beginning and the end of the day if needed, the following changes are proposed for the length of school day for our Boulevard Primary Partnership Schools:

Beginning of the school day:

The Southwood School day will start at 8.55am (gates will open from 8.45am).

The Downs Barn School day will start at 8.45am (gates will open from 8.35am).

The Germander Park School day will start at 8.45am (gates will open from 8.35am).

End of the school day:

The Southwood School day will finish at 3.25pm.

The Downs Barn School day will finish at 3.15pm.

The Germander Park School day will finish at 3.15pm.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from September 2023.

The information in this letter has been sent to parents and carers, staff members and other stakeholders who may be affected by the new school day timings.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, if you would like to discuss the proposal in person, there will be an opportunity to do so on Thursday 27th April 2023 at Southwood School at 3.20pm. I also invite you to give your feedback by email by Friday 12th May, sending your response to the school office emails:

Southwood: office@southwoodschool.co.uk

Downs Barn: office@downsbarnschool.co.uk

Germander Park: office@germanderpark.com

We will release the results of the proposal on Monday 22nd May 2023 by ParentMail.

Yours sincerely

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