



13 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As a result of the national proposal for all schools to be open for 32.5 hours a week, which was recently announced by the Secretary of State for Education; the Academy has been considering the start and end of day timings for pupils in primary year groups from September 2022. Although the amount of learning time at Appleton Academy currently exceeds the national expectations for primary aged pupils, the length of our current school day means our school week is slightly shorter than the proposed 32.5 hours.

We have, therefore, come to the conclusion that the easiest way to meet the government expectations for the length of the school week, causing the least inconvenience and disruption to pupils and parents, would be to slightly extend the start and end of the school day for primary children.

The table below shows the current timings and the proposed changes from September 2022, which we have been discussing with Exceed Academies Trust and the Appleton Academy Local Advisory Board.

Current Primary Day

	Session Start	Session Finish
Upper Foundation, Years 1 to 6	Doors open at 8.30am and close at 8.35am	Doors open at 2.55pm

Proposed Primary Day - September 2022

	Session Start	Session Finish
Upper Foundation, Years 1 to 6	Doors open at 8.25am and close at 8.30am	Doors open at 3.00pm

The timings of the Nursery day and AM & PM sessions will not change. These changes do not affect Secondary students.

Before we implement these timings, we would like to consult with parents and hear any thoughts you may have on what we are proposing. If you would like to make any comments about the changes, you can do so by sending an email to consultation.exceed@exceedacademiestrust.co.uk. The closing date for comments to be submitted is Thursday 23 June 2022. Any comments that are received will be given due consideration and you may be contacted for a further discussion. Once this consultation period has ended, and the Academy has made a final decision on the new timings of the school day to commence from September 2022, we will contact parents again to confirm these.

Yours faithfully

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher

