



THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

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NEW SCHOOL DAY PARENT CONSULTATION

The parental consultation on proposed changes to The Archbishop's School length of School Day received 56 responses in total. Of these, 48 were positive and 3 were negative. A further 5 could see pros and cons and would require more information to make a decision.

The responses were thoughtful and considered, many making helpful points for us to take into account and a large number of parents had involved children in the decision-making.

Many parents are understandably asking for more information as soon as possible:

- How will timings for new school day work?
- Will all students participate in extra curricular activities and what will they be?
- Can we be sure the bus companies can accommodate the changed times (11 parents raised this)
- We trust you to make up the 40 minutes difference, but how will this be achieved in detail?

Positive comments included:

- A shorter day should be more structured
- A shorter day would be better for travel times and not travelling in the dark in winter
- A welcome for extra-curricular activities, particularly homework clubs or revision clubs or booster sessions which will help children focus on missed work during Covid; working in smaller groups in these after-school clubs will also help children who struggle in larger classes
- Please ensure some unstructured time for play and friendship
- Brings The Archbishop's School in line with other local secondary schools
- A chance for more sports at The Archbishop's School is welcomed

Concerns raised included:

- A shorter day seems wrong after the children have been out of school for so long; children will not work as effectively at home as they do in school
- The school day already feels busy and “rushed”; losing breaks between lessons might increase this feeling
- It might cause difficulties for parents/carers working full time
- This seems to reduce lesson time for high achievers to create catch-up time for lower achievers