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Ms Allie Majer

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17th April 2015

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Stakeholders,

Proposal to Change the School Day

The governing bodies of Signhills Infant Academy and Signhills Academy wish to consult with you on proposed changes to the school day from September 2015.

The academies are committed to providing the best quality educational experience possible for every child and, as such, regularly review all aspects of provision. We feel that changes to the school day would have a beneficial impact on the academic progress and well-being of the children in our care.

Please be assured that this proposal is not influenced by financial considerations. There is no intention to reduce staffing hours as part of this process.

The proposed changes are outlined below:

	Current	Proposed
Signhills Infant Academy		
Lunchtime	1 hr 10 mins	1 hr
End of Day	3.30pm	3.10pm
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Afternoon Break	15mins	None
End of day	3.35pm	3.15pm

Rationale

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Shortening the lunchtime playtime will support:

- reduction in minor behavioural / pastoral issues, which can cause upset at playtime and detract from subsequent learning time,
- young children's desire to enjoy a short, active break then return to learning activities.

Moving the end of the school day (and start of after-school clubs) to 3.10pm will support:

- a more focussed afternoon, as younger children tire towards the end of a long day,
- enhanced opportunities for teacher / TA briefing and feedback,
- reduction of the amount of class-time used for TA administrative tasks,
- increased family time and a reduction of the time pressures placed upon children, particularly those attending out-of-school clubs and organisations.

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The removal of the afternoon break (the purpose of this break became redundant following changes to the lunchtimes) will support:

- a more fluid and productive afternoon,
- reduction in minor behavioural / pastoral issues, which can negatively impact on peer relationships and detract from learning time,
- removal of the interruption to the flow of learning during the afternoon and time lost to the process of starting and ending a break time.

Moving the end of the school day (and start of after-school clubs) to 3.15pm will support:

- enhanced opportunities for teacher / TA briefing and feedback,
- reduction of the amount of class-time used for TA administrative tasks,
- increased family time and a reduction of the time pressures placed upon children, particularly those attending out-of-school clubs and organisations,
- reduced disruption to learning caused by attendance at inter-school events and competitions.

Your views on these proposed changes are important to us and we welcome your feedback. Any comments you wish to be considered by the governors should be made in writing by **Friday 1st May** and addressed to:

School Day Consultation, Signhills Infant Academy, Hardy's Road, Cleethorpes, DN35 0DN

or

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Yours sincerely

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