



CARLTON

KEIGHLEY

9th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Extended Academic Day - September 2023

As an academy we are always striving to offer the best possible education for young people in our community. Our approach is underpinned by our core values of **ambition, respect and resilience**; these values are our main driver for our decision making in school, and inform our high standards of behaviour and our high academic expectations for students.

Alongside this, we also have to ensure approaches in school align with national government guidance about the way that we deliver education. As you may have seen, the Department for Education has recently issued guidance about the expected length of the school week being 32.5 hours.

Under our current academic day, the Academy currently falls short of this expectation, therefore **from September 2023** we will be making some amendments to the **finish times** of our **academic day** as outlined below:

	School opens for pupils	Lessons begin	Lessons finish	Carlton Edge Enrichment finishes
Monday - Thursday	8:00am	8:30am	3:20pm	4:00pm
Friday	8:00am	8:30am	1:40pm	2:20pm

When making the decision on how to extend the school day there were some key principles linked to our core values, which informed our decision. Aligned to our core value of **ambition**, we wanted to add time into the school day which had academic value for students and would enhance their learning. The extra time therefore comes from extending lesson time from 50 to 55 minute lessons; we believe this will allow students additional time in lessons to deepen their knowledge and understanding by allowing more time for independent practice. To help build **resilience**, we want to retain time at the end of day for our extensive Carlton Edge programme of after-school enrichment activities. Finally, we know that families in the community continue to value an early finish on a Friday, and we wanted to **respect** this view by maintaining this to allow families to come together on Friday afternoons as required.

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These changes to the school day will come into effect from September 2023, after the summer holidays; we will write to you nearer the time to remind families of the changes for the next academic year. In the interim, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school either on 01535 210 333 or via admin@ck.catrust.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Turvey
Head of School