



# CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## **Outcome of the CONSULTATION on changing the time of the end of the school day at CJS**

Dear Parent,

We are writing to you to let you know about the outcome of the recent consultation

The proposal we asked for your response to was:

- **Change the time of the end of the school day to 3.15pm** – currently 3.35pm

Details of the responses we received:

We sent the consultation document to the parents of the 509 children at Chellaston Junior School, the leaders of the other schools in PEAK MAT, local businesses and the Local Authority.

There were:

**35 responses** in total

- 8 responses against the proposal
- 19 responses in favour of the proposal
- 8 responses which showed a balance of for and against

The Chair of Governors and Head teacher monitored the responses during the consultation period and, once the deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> July passed, the responses were collated to share with a nominated member of the Trustees of PEAK MAT.

The Trustees of the MAT met on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to consider the outcomes of the consultation and then made recommendations to the school about a response. PEAK Trust Board supported the proposal but encouraged CJS to consider how they could support some parents to adjust to the change in the school's finish time.

The following adjustments are in response to the recommendations from PEAK Trust Board.

1. In order to bring the end time for the junior school closer to the end time of the Infant School and as a compromise for parents, the **new end of the school day will be 3.20pm; not 3.15pm as originally proposed.**
2. The school will therefore offer an **interim/transitional arrangement for parents if they are going to find it difficult** for a period of time **to adjust to the new 3.20pm finish.**
  - o Once we can have all children leaving at the same time (3.20pm) we can help parents who would find it difficult to collect their child before 3.35pm by providing childcare at the Zone at a reduced cost of £1.50. The fees would be:
    - i. £1.50 for collection any time between 3.20pm and 3.35pm
    - ii. £4 for collection between 3.35pm and 4pm (this fee is already in place).
  - o We would ask parents to let us know, as soon as possible if they know they will be facing difficulty in collecting their children at the new end time and to book in to the Zone, **in advance**, for one of the above periods of time.

- Zone bookings can be made with Sarah Woolley on 07910 225 663. Further details of our Zone childcare provision can be found at <http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk/page/the-zone/21252>
  - We will continue the £1.50 offer for as long as required, based upon uptake. It is hoped that parents will be able to adjust to the 3.20pm finish at a pace which is convenient to them.
- 3.** The school will **communicate with pupils about not congregating at the Infant School after school** in order to ensure that they are not compromising the safe exit of pupils from the Infant School.
- We will use assembly time to ensure that the children get the right message about this
  - We will address any issues which arise, with parents, as required
  - We will listen to and work with the Infant School to help with this situation
  - We will be encouraging as many pupils in Years 5 and 6 to walk home, if their parents feel it is safe for them to do so.

Some other queries raised by respondents were:

1. Will there be enough time for older children to get to Chellaston Junior School to collect younger siblings?

**Response:** Yes, the Academy students finish at 3pm. It is a 0.6 mile walk to CJS which, at moderate speed should take no more than 10 minutes.

2. What will the school do to minimize traffic?

**Response:** We have calculated, from a sample of children's addresses (the new Y3 pupils) that 78% of pupils will have a walk of less than 10 minutes. This means that we can continue to encourage a majority of our pupils and parents to walk to and from school

### **Reminder of Covid-19 school arrangements**

As communicated to parents before the end of term the start and end times for the first weeks back in the Autumn term remain as stated.

Then, from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September only the end of the school day will be staggered, in line with Government guidelines, for managing pupils return to school due to Covid-19. These times will remain in place until the Government informs the schools otherwise. The times are as follows:-

- Y3 – 3pm
- Y4 – 3.10pm
- Y5 – 3.20pm
- Y6 – 3.30pm

Details of the unchanged arrangements for the start of term can be found at:

[http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk/serve\\_file/728906](http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk/serve_file/728906)

**In summary**, the new end of school time at CJS will be 3.20pm once the period of staggered end times advised by the Government due to Covid-19 has ended. We will, of course, give you as much notice as possible of the exact date of this change.

Thank you for your interest, support and co-operation with the change of end of school time.

Yours faithfully



Mr Alex Smythe  
Head teacher



Mr Simon Fisher  
Chair of Governors