

### Consultation over possible changes to the school day for September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are currently consulting over possible changes to the school day which, if approved by the governing board, would **take effect from September 2025**. The intention is to increase curriculum time from 49 to 50 hours per fortnight. This change would bring us in line with many other secondary schools.

This change would enable the school to improve personal, social and health education (PSHE) and religious studies, both of which have been identified by the school as areas where we would like to strengthen provision. Additional teaching time would also be allocated to core subjects to help improve outcomes at GCSE.

To enable this, we propose to make a change to the shorter day (currently a Monday) as follows:

- To change the finish time on the shorter day from 2.35pm to 3.00pm (with buses leaving at 3.10pm)
- To change the shorter day from a Monday to a Thursday.

The change of day for our slightly earlier finish is because we would register students in the first lesson of the day rather than in a tutor period. This would help us create the time needed for extra PSHE provision. However, we do not want to make this change on a Monday as we want students to check in with their teacher after the weekend.

This proposal would not affect the timings of the other four days. There would be no change to the start time each day. Transport would be adjusted according to the new timings.

The school is required to consult parents over changes to the start and end of the school day. We are therefore inviting feedback on the proposal to make two changes:

1. To change the finish time on a Monday from 2.35pm to 3.25pm.
2. To change the finish time on a Thursday from 3.25pm to 3.00pm.

If you would like to respond to this consultation, please do so by emailing adminr@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk and title your email SCHOOL DAY. **The consultation closes on Friday 21st March.**

Following the consultation, the governing board will consider any recommendation made by the senior team.

Thank you,

**Farmor's School**