



# School Session Times

**2023-2024**

**Policy Valid until Spring 2027**

**For and on behalf of the**

**Board of Governors:** .....

**Headteacher:** .....

**Date:**

## **Policy Status**

Statutory with triannual review.

## **Consultation**

This policy was established and reviewed by the all school staff in consultation with the Governing Body.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the structure of the school day provides the best possible framework for teaching and learning.

## **Roles and responsibilities of Governors**

The Governing Body will ensure that, if changes are being considered to the school day, the Headteacher will consult fully with the staff, parents, pupils, Diocesan representatives and the LA and will:

- Prepare a statement specifying the proposed change and provide a copy for all parents
- Call a meeting, if requested by parents to discuss the proposed change
- Consider any comments made and decide whether to implement the proposed change, with or without any modification
- Inform the LA, Diocese and parents of any change before it takes effect

## **Minimum weekly teaching times**

DfEE Circular 7/90 sets out the following suggested minimum weekly teaching times as a guide for schools:

- Foundation Phase - 21 hrs
- Key Stage - 23 hrs 30 mins

While the above guidance does not outline the standard minimum hours to be operated by schools. It stands as non-statutory guidance and has advisory status only.

## **Our school session times**

Morning	Foundation 8.55am - 11.45am
	Key Stage 2 8.55am - 12.00pm
Afternoon	Foundation 12.55pm - 3.15pm
	Key Stage 2 12.55pm - 3.15pm

Foundation Phase have mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.

Key Stage 2 have a mid-morning break.

Teaching Times – Foundation Phase - 21 hours per week

Teaching Times – Key Stage 2 - 23.5 hours per week

**Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation**

- The annual review of the curriculum will consider whether an appropriate amount of time is allocated to each curriculum area. If required, recommendations for a change will be made to the governing body by the headteacher.
- When changes are made feedback will be sought from pupils, staff and parents at the end of year.