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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation about children finishing early on Fridays. The consultation was sent to 797 parent/carers across the Trust and 177 staff.

The results are:

195/797 returned by parents/carers

129/195 in favour

66/195 not in favour

We have looked very carefully at the comments and questions and hopefully this will add clarity.

Staggered finishing times on Friday?

Children not staying will finish at 12.55 or 1.00.

The cost of childcare on Friday afternoon?

Parents/Carers are not charged for Friday afternoon until after their child's normal finishing time of 3.00/3.05.

Loss of teaching time?

The teaching week for all Key Stages is still in excess of Government Guidance.

Shortened lunch time?

As lunch time is staggered, children eat straight away. They are all encouraged to eat and are not allowed out to play during the first 15 minutes. All children go out to play after 30 minutes. Every class has PE or an active burst timetabled daily to ensure children get enough exercise.

Parents wanting to take children out to lunch on Fridays?

It is perfectly acceptable to send your child just with a snack to eat during the 'lunch break' on Fridays.

Some of the comments received from parents/carers in favour were:

- Happy for earlier finishes on a Friday to stay, to make the most of the weekend at home.
- I feel that the early finish on a Friday has been beneficial. Come Friday afternoon children are worn out and I feel it makes every school day more productive.
- I think it's good, the teachers can be better prepared and ready for the next week. I've seen this work at Winter Gardens very well. I also enjoy the extra time with my child on a Friday.
- Whatever helps the school run smoothly.
- If the changes are working better for staff, they should be kept going.
- I love having Friday afternoon just with my youngest child while she is still little.
- Brilliant idea, all the teachers have our support if it works for them.

Having considered all of the responses, the early finish on Friday afternoons will continue in September.

The start and finish times from September will be

		<u>Friday</u>
Reception	8.50 – 3.00	12.55
Year One	8.40 – 3.00	12.55
Year Two	8.40 – 3.00	12.55
Year Three	8.40 – 3.05	1.00
Year Four	8.35 – 3.05	1.00
Year Five	8.35 – 3.05	1.00
Year Six	8.35 – 3.05	1.00

We will send further details about exit/entry/collection points for all year groups before the end of term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher