



# BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Serving the communities of Brinkworth and Dauntsey

Headteacher: Mrs K Butt

Believe to Achieve! "Roots will grow down into God's love and keep us strong" EPH 3:17

Friday 19 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Consultation on Proposed Change to the School Day Structure

The Governing Body is aware that this matter has generated a significant level of interest, and we would like to sincerely thank you for taking the time to share your views with the School. We greatly value your engagement and the strength of feeling expressed, particularly from working parents and carers who would like the School gates to continue opening at 08:30am.

As Governors, we are responsible for setting the School's opening and closing times, while the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team determine how the school day is structured within those hours.

Throughout this process, our absolute priority remains that all children **continue** to receive the full 32.5 hours of high-quality education each week as they already do.

At our meeting on 16 June, we carefully considered the responses received so far. In recognition of the importance of your feedback, we have established a small panel of governors to work closely with the Headteacher to explore practical and supportive solutions. This includes looking at how we might:

- Accommodate the preferences of working families for soft start staggered opening and closing times across the Lower and Upper Sites; and
- Ensure that our teaching staff are able to maximise their time in the classroom and in professional development, while reducing time spent on playground duties.

If you have not yet shared your views, we would warmly encourage you to do so ahead of the Parent Forum on 25 June which will be focussed upon this topic.

Governors will be attending the Parent Forum on 25 June (6pm at the Lower Site), and we very much welcome the opportunity to speak with you, listen to your perspectives, and take feedback.

The consultation will remain open until 3 July, and we are committed to reaching a decision as soon as possible thereafter, so that you have clarity and sufficient notice of any changes.

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership with the School.

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