



3rd June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Proposal to change the start time, length and finish time of the school day at Rockwood Academy from 1st September 2025

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the start and end times of the school day here at Rockwood Academy.

They are:

- To start the school day at 8.45am (currently 8.35am)
- To finish the school day at 3.15pm (currently 3.10pm)

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from 1st September 2025.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education for the following reasons:

- This increase will ensure that we meet the Department of Education's new minimum expectation of a 32.5 hour school week.
- This will stagger arrival time for pupils compared to local primaries and therefore support older siblings who escort younger siblings to school.
- This will enable staff to start at a slightly later time to enable them to source adequate and timely child-care.
- Although this proposes a later finish time for our school day, it is only a 5-minute addition to the end of the current school day.

The information in this letter has also been sent to parents, pupils and staff at Rockwood Academy, the local authority and local transport provider. We will work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to myself via email at reeve@corerockwood.academy

Please send any comments/questions to this email address by **Friday 4th July 2025**, when this consultation will close.

We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 11th July 2025 and send a letter with the outcome to you.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Reeve
Headteacher