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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Twydall Primary School. From September 2019, we are proposing that formal teaching will cease at lunchtime on Fridays in order to develop opportunities for enrichment and supporting activities for the holistic development of our children. This is in line with many other schools who are seeking to support the well-being and mental health of children.

The introduction of 'Creative Fridays' will hopefully have a three-fold impact.

- Improve teaching and learning through the continuation and further development of joint PPA time.
- Improved well-being for all pupils, families and staff.
- Reduction in costs associated with running the school. School budgets have been cut by 7% however, in real terms it is 21% due to the reduction in support services previously provided by the LA at no cost to the school. This is why it is vital for our community that we offer holistic development for the children and families within our community, without having to pay for additional services.

Our proposed menu of activities will include school run (free of charge) and some externally run, such as French, Football, First Aid and Zumba (for which there will be a charge payable directly to the provider).

From January 2020 we may allow parents and carers to withdraw their children from the menu of activities to provide more family time.

We are consulting on the following:

- Increasing the length of the school day by 10 minutes Monday to Thursday. This will be added to the end of the school day with **Upper School finishing at 3.20pm and Lower School at 3.25pm**. As a school we have a statutory obligation with regards to learning time by lengthening the school day and with having a shorter lunchbreak we are within this time.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a consultation meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 in the upper school hall entry will be via the canopy door. We appreciate that this is a change to the normal school week and we would like to encourage any feedback to be sent to '[consultation@twydallprimary.org.uk](mailto:consultation@twydallprimary.org.uk)'.

Regards  
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