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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to inform you that I wish to consult you as parents on my proposal to end the current school practice of shutting at 1pm on Friday afternoons. As you are aware, this practice has been in place for a number of years but I feel that it may be contributing to the school's falling roll and it is time to rethink this approach.

The proposal is that from September 2022, the school will return to a full time timetable with the school day beginning at 8.45am and ending at 3.15pm every day.

In order for this to change, a number of conditions will need to be met to ensure that teaching staff still receive their legal right to Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time.

Whilst this will be a decision ultimately made by me as the Executive Headteacher, I do feel the need to canvas parental opinion and determine the impact of this decision on our families. I would be grateful if you could complete the slip below and return to the school office at your earliest convenience. The closing date for comments and feedback is Friday 26th November 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leigh Pointon
Executive Headteacher

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Parental consultation on proposal to end early school closure on Friday afternoons

Please tick the box that applies to you:

I/We wish for the current practice to close on Friday afternoons at 1pm to stay in place beyond July 2022	
I/We support the proposal to end the early school closures on Friday afternoons from September 2022	
I/We have no opinion on the proposal to end the early school closures on Friday afternoons from September 2022	

Additional comments: