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Dear parents, carers and stakeholders,

Outcome of the Consultation to Extend the School Day to 3pm

You will be already aware that the consultation on extending the school day to 3pm closed on Wednesday 11th July. The responses were shared with a committee of governors on Friday 13th July.

We had 12 responses either in writing or via email. This included responses from the County Council and the Diocese. Ten of the responses expressed agreement with, and in some cases enthusiasm for, making the change to ending the school day at 3pm. Two responses expressed concerns.

I would like to make clear at this point that this suggested change is to bring us into line with national expectations for the amount of teaching hours in a school week. It would not be possible to do this without changes to the length of the school day. I would also like to reassure you that the changes will be handled sensitively and with the best welfare of the children in mind. We know that children learn best when they feel happy and treated fairly and this at is the heart of our vocation as teachers.

As a result of this, we have therefore agreed that from September the school day at Lowick and Holy Island will be from 8.30am – 3.00pm.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Simpson

Headteacher

