



# Midlothian



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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Change to Length of School Day from August 2017 for P1 and P2 Pupils**

This letter is to give you early notice of a change to the length of the school day for all P1 and P2 pupils in Midlothian from August 2017.

In Midlothian we are committed to ensuring all pupils, including P1 and P2 pupils, have 25 hours' class contact time per week. Currently class contact time for P1 and P2 pupils for most schools is 22.5 hours. There will be many advantages to bringing P1 and P2 pupils' school days in line with their older peers, including enabling our P1 and P2 pupils to benefit from the input of visiting specialists to the school, such as PE teachers, Music and Dance teachers.

Schools will take account of each child's ability to manage this slightly longer day and this will be reflected in the learning activities planned for the children.

**The school day for all pupils will now be 8.50 am to 12.15 pm and 1 pm to 3.15 pm on Monday to Thursdays and 8.50 am to 12.25 pm on Fridays with a morning break from 10.30 am to 10.45 am daily.**

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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