



SESSION TIMES POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the structure of the school day provides the best possible framework for teaching and learning. Our aim at Oldcastle Primary School is to allow sufficient time to ensure delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum and collective worship, as well as the necessary time for registration and breaks.

The Changing of School Session Times (Wales) Regulations came into force on 1st April 2009. Section 32 of the Education Act 2002, as amended by the Learner Travel Wales Measure 2008, sets out who is responsible for determining the dates of school terms, school holidays and the times of school sessions. For Oldcastle Primary School, the Governing Body determines the times of school sessions (with the Local Authority determining the dates of the school terms and holidays).

Roles and responsibilities of governors

The governing body at Oldcastle Primary School will ensure that, if changes are being considered to the school day, the Headteacher will consult fully with the staff, parents, pupils, and the LA to ensure that:

- a statement is prepared specifying the proposed change and, if required to do so by the LA; a copy of the statement is provided to all parents and copies are made available for inspection at the school; a meeting is held if requested by parents to discuss the proposed change; comments are considered and modifications made if necessary
- LA and parents are informed of any change before it takes effect.

Minimum weekly teaching times

Welsh Government sets out the following suggested minimum weekly teaching times as a guide for schools:

Ages 5 to 7 years - **21 hrs**

Ages 8 to 11 years - **23 hrs 30mins**

While the above guidance does not outline the standard minimum hours to be operated by schools, it stands as non-statutory guidance and has advisory status only.

Our session Times

In the Foundation Phase, we teach for a total of 23hrs 35 mins per week:

- Morning sessions 8.55am to 10.35am and 10.50am to 11.45am
- Afternoon Session 1.00pm to 2.15pm and 2.30pm to 3.05pm

In Key Stage 2 we teach for a total of 25hrs 25mins

- Morning Session 8.55am to 10.35am and 10.50 am to 12.15pm
- Afternoon session 1.00pm to 3.10pm