

East Birmingham Network Academy

26th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Proposal to extend the school day on a Friday

I am writing to inform you of proposed changes to the school day at EBN Academy 2, Castle Vale, from September 2026. Currently our school day starts at 8.45am Monday- Friday and finishes at 2.45pm Monday to Thursday and 12.30pm on Friday.

Our proposal is to change the finish time on Friday's to 1:30pm (Year 9 will continue to finish at 12.30pm on Thursdays also). The school week will therefore run as follows:

Monday – 8.45am – 2.45pm

Tuesday – 8.45am – 2.45pm

Wednesday - 8.45am-2.45pm

Thursday – 8.45am – 2.45pm (Year 10 and 11)/8.45am-12.30pm (Year 9)

Friday – 8.45am – 13.30pm (all Year Groups)

The new timing of the school day will bring the following benefits:

The introduction of an additional hour to the timetable - is intended to provide pupils with access to a dedicated enrichment programme that complements and enhances the current curriculum. This programme will offer a broad range of opportunities designed to develop personal, social, physical, and academic skills, including life skills, sewing and crafts, boxing, circuit training, academic intervention through AI, martial arts, charity work, entrepreneurship, and a variety of sports activities. Through participation in these enrichment activities, pupils will have the opportunity to work towards Unit Awards accredited by the AQA Award Scheme, enabling them to gain formal recognition for their achievements. Furthermore, pupils will build a portfolio of evidence that showcases their skills, experiences, and accomplishments, supporting their personal development and enhancing their overall learning journey.

Maintaining curriculum time alongside this change – it is important to note that the change will not mean any changes to the delivered curriculum time within the school and the pupils will still have the same number of hours of taught time in all their curriculum subjects.

We believe very much the small adjustments to the school day detailed in this letter will benefit the pupils and their families, staff and commissioning schools and would like to hear any views from all stakeholders on the proposed change. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending any comments to me via email marked F.A.O. EBN 2 Head Teacher at enquiry@ebnfs2.org, by post at **EBN Academy 2, 10 High Street, Castle Vale, Birmingham B35 7PR**.

The information contained in this letter has also been shared with staff, Trustees, Local Governors, commissioning schools, and the Local Authority. We are committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure that any changes are implemented with minimal disruption.

The consultation period will open on Monday 29 June 2026 and close at midday on Monday 13 July 2026. Following the consultation, all feedback will be carefully considered before a final decision is made regarding the proposed changes for September 2026.

The outcome of the consultation will be communicated to all stakeholders by 16 July 2026 through a formal letter and publication on the academy website. Subject to approval, the proposed changes will come into effect from 4 September 2026.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Karen Shearer
Head Teacher