

Update on Proposed Changes to the School Day

Date: 8 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the communication shared in October 2025 regarding the proposed changes to the school day at Twickenham Primary Academy, we would like to provide an update on the current position of the planning application.

As previously communicated, Omnia Learning Trust submitted an application to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRUT) to amend the original planning condition linked to staggered start and finish times at the school.

At the time of submission, we had anticipated receiving a decision by the end of December 2025. Following further discussions with the Local Authority and wider stakeholders, this timeline was later extended to March 2026, which was reflected in our most recent update to families.

We have now been advised that the application remains under consideration and that a final decision is expected by the end of May 2026.

We fully appreciate that the extended timeline and uncertainty may be frustrating for families and the wider local community, particularly as we have sought to keep everyone informed throughout the process. We would like to sincerely thank parents, carers and local residents for their patience, understanding and continued support whilst this external planning process is completed.

What does this mean moving forward?

At this stage, the current school day remains unchanged.

If planning approval is confirmed by the end of May, the revised school day arrangements will proceed from September 2026 as originally proposed.

However, should the planning determination be delayed beyond May, Omnia Learning Trust has taken the decision to postpone implementation until Monday 4 January 2027. This will ensure that families, staff and the wider school community are provided with sufficient clarity, notice and preparation time ahead of any changes taking effect.

So, what happens if permission is granted?

Should the planning application be approved, all revised arrangements relating to JAG, Breakfast Club and school-led or external clubs will be fully reflected before bookings open for the relevant term. This will ensure that families have clear information regarding timings, provision and any updated arrangements before making childcare or club bookings for September 2026.

We remain committed to ensuring that any future changes are implemented carefully, responsibly and with the best interests of our pupils, families, staff and local community at the centre of all decision-making.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Erin Moscardini

Principal