

Dear Parents/Carer

July 2018

In April I sought your opinions on a proposal to change the timings of the school day. The governors and I would like to thank the parents, staff and students who contributed their views, which I am now feeding back to you.

We received many positive comments; in particular, there was generally support for the increased lesson length. A few expressed concern about time and length of the lunch break, which I would like to clarify. The proposal does not include a change to the length of lunch break; it has been 35 minutes since October 2017 and works well. Regarding the time of lunch, we have food available before school every day both in the canteen and at the breakfast club, and with break time at 11.00 am, no one would be waiting until the lunch slot for their first opportunity to have a break and something to eat. The extended break time that was introduced in October 2017 is included in the new plan, as this extra time at the mid-morning comfort break has proved successful.

Some responses stated a preference not to finish at 2.55 pm, considering this too early, so I have factored an extra 5 minutes into the last lesson of the day to maintain the current finish time of 3.00 pm.

The particular strength of this new layout for the day is that it maximises learning time before lunch, when students have been found to concentrate best: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/04/12/maths-classes-should-taught-morning-improve-attainment-study/>.

I would like to thank again all those who took the time to consider this proposal and respond. Please see below the finalised times of the school day from September 2018 as agreed with governors.

Time	Session
8.40 – 9.00 am	Tutor time / Assembly time
9.00 – 10.00 am	Period 1
10.00 – 11.00 am	Period 2
11.00 – 11.20 am	BREAK
11.20 am – 12.20pm	Period 3
12.20 – 1.20 pm	Period 4
1.20 – 1.55 pm	LUNCH
1.55 – 3.00 pm	Period 5 and end of school day
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Period 6 (extra-curricular activities and curriculum support)

Yours faithfully



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