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achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed trial changes to the school day

You will be aware that since I became the Acting Headteacher for this school my new management team and myself have been introducing changes aimed at improving the educational opportunities for our student population. Some of these changes have been covered in recent letters to you all.

One change that I wish to make requires me to consult with our parents/carers and this is in relation to the school day. As you are aware the school day starts at 08:50 am and ends at 15:20 pm with a 50 minute lunch break and a 20 minute mid-morning break. I want to change the day such that:

- it starts at 08:45 am, pupils go straight to lesson 1. Pupils will be expected on site by 08:40 am
- Breakfast club will continue from 08:00 am
- all six lessons are 50 minutes long
- it retains an earlier mid-morning break of 20 minutes
- it has an earlier lunch break of 40 minutes, lunchtime clubs continue to last for 30 minutes
- it has a tutor time/celebration assembly time straight after lunch for 20 minutes
- it has two afternoon lessons
- it ends at 15:05 pm

The benefits to the students and the school are a purposeful start to the day going straight to lesson 1. It will ensure that all lessons are of a consistent 50 minute duration. Pupils still have a 20 minute break that is earlier in the day starting at 10:25 am (compared to currently which is 10:50 am). A shortened lunchtime as the Bistro can service all pupils within the 40 minute lunch time. The tutor period after lunch enables pupils to transition from recreation time to learning time and will make for more focused afternoon lessons. Finishing the school day at 15:05 pm means that more extra-curricular clubs and out of school learning can run after school.

I would welcome a response from you indicating if you support this change and would be grateful if you could email or write to me with your opinions or concerns



by the 8th July. The trial timings will be reviewed in January.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



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