

Dear parents and carers

Changes to the timing of the school day

Following the letter from Mr Birkett dated 29th March consulting parents and carers on three proposals for changes to the school day from September 2022, I am in the position to inform you that a decision has now been made and ratified by the governing body. As Mr Birkett stated in the initial consultation letter there are many reasons that necessitate a change to the current timings of the school day. Additionally, I am sure you are aware, the government have also mandated that schools achieve a minimum expectation for the length of the school week of 32.5 hours. This equates to 6.5 hours a day and as such our current timings do not meet the minimum expectation set out in the government guidance.

As well as meeting the government guidance, the change will be beneficial to the school community as it will allow us to increase the length of our form time by 5 minutes, ensure all lessons return to 50 minutes and also maintain the duration of break and lunchtimes. We firmly believe this will have a positive impact on your child's education.

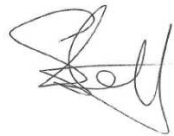
Therefore it is our intention to change the timing of the school day to proposal C from the consultation- the precise timings can be seen in the graphic below.

Proposal C	
Day Timings	
Start	08:30
Tutor Time	08:35
Period 1	09:00
Period 2	09:50
Break	10:40
Period 3	11:00
Period 4	11:50
Lunch	12:40
Period 5	13:20
Period 6	14:10
Finish	15:00

Whilst we do of course recognise that no model will suit every individual equally, and that for some families these changes may cause some need for adjustment, we have taken on board all feedback from parents and staff and feel that proposal C has the greater benefits for the school community.

The information in this letter will also be sent to all relevant parties including the companies that service our school transport and the local authority. We will work together to ensure that there is minimal disruption. We will keep you updated to changes to the school's bus services as and when we can confirm the new timings for the morning routes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Simon Anderson
Head of School