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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

## Re: Timings of the School Day: From September 2021

Dear parent(s)/carer(s)

During academic year 2020/21, the school engaged in a consultation regarding the structure of the school day and year. This was based on the need for us to modify our curriculum in order to ensure that we delivered the new statutory requirements for elements of the PSHE curriculum. As part of this consultation all stakeholders were asked for their views and a follow-up focus group was held with parent(s)/carers.

Subsequently in April 2020, I wrote to parent(s)/carer(s) of students in Years 7-13 at that time to explain that the changes we had planned to come into effect from September 2020 were being delayed by one year.

As such, I am writing to notify you of the changes from this September:

- On four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) our school day will finish at the slightly earlier time of 3:15pm.
- On one day a week (Wednesday) there will be an additional lesson (known as Period 6). This means that on this day school will finish at 4:15pm.
- The October half term will now be a 2-week holiday (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October)

All parents were provided with a detailed 'Q&A document' last year and I have attached this once again to this letter. It is important that I reiterate that the change will result in an increase of learning time across the course of the academic year.

I am conscious that some Year 7/12 parent(s)/students(s) who joined the school for the first time in September 2020 may be unaware of this information. I have therefore also attached the initial proposal document that was sent to parents at the start of the consultation last year; this outlines the rationale for the proposed change.

We will write to you shortly with details of our new PSHE policy and will ask for parents to provide us with feedback on our intended curriculum for this important subject.



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Additionally, it is important that I point out that all these changes are contingent on the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and could inevitably change at any time. I will of course write to you if we need to amend these timings, however whilst the timings could change (for example if we were to continue to have a staggered start/finish times, or a shorter lunch break), I sincerely hope that the longer day on a Wednesday and a 2-week October half term will not.

Thank you for your support and understanding; if you have any questions please contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely

**Ms S Hay**  
**Headteacher**