

Dear parents and carers,

## **Changing the School Day: Consultation**

I am writing to you as part of a consultation process to make changes to the school day. The changes, alongside the rationale for change and timescales are set out below. We would like to take on board your views before putting in place any changes for September 2020.

The new timings outlined below are founded on what we as professional educational leaders believe will support us in our quest to continue to raise standards in the school.

School will begin and end at the times below, however, timings within the day are for example only at this stage.

There will be five hours of learning time each day.

| Time             | Reception  | Key stages 1 and 2 | Key Stage 3 and Year 11 |
|------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 8.45-9 a.m.      | Registration/                                    | Registration/      | Registration/           |
|                  | Assembly   | Assembly           | Assembly                |
| 9-10 a.m.        | Learning session                                 | Learning session   | Lesson 1                |
| 10-11 a.m.       |  |                    | Lesson 2                |
| 11-11.15 a.m.    | Break  | Break              | Break                   |
| 11.15-12.15 p.m. | Learning session                                 | Learning session   | Lesson 3                |
| 12.15-1.15 p.m.  | Lunch  | Lunch              | Lunch                   |
|                  | Until 1.30                                       |                    |                         |
|                  | (this is slightly longer for the                 |                    |                         |
|                  | Reception year group only)                       |                    |                         |
| 1.15-2.15 p.m.   | Learning session                                 | Learning session   | Lesson 4                |
| 2.15-3.15pm      | Home at 3pm                                      |                    | Lesson 5                |
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|                  | (slightly earlier going home time for Reception) |                    |                         |

## Why change the school day from its current format?

The need for change has been agreed by the school's leadership team to enable the following:

- Pupil progress and attainment. We all have a responsibility to ensure that students are ready and prepared to learn in all lessons and that time is focussed on this objective.
- A streamlining of timings throughout different year groups to aid transition between key stages
- Learning time to be split into hour blocks to build a clear routine for the pupils. This will help them to feel safe and secure so they can learn and behave well.
- A continuation of tutor time at the start of the day so that tutors and teachers have time
  to deal with any issues that have arisen, during the previous day or overnight, without
  disrupting pupils' learning in lesson time. It will also allow for our more vulnerable pupils
  to meet with their teacher, tutor or other agencies supporting them, in order to prepare
  them for the school day ahead. Furthermore, it allows teachers to reinforce key
  expectations in relation to coming to school equipped at the start of the day.
- The slightly earlier finish will allow time for enriching after school activities and clubs.
   Details of these will be confirmed in September.

## **Consultation period**

The consultation period will begin on Monday May 4th 2020 and end at 17.00 on Monday June 8th 2020. We will then consider the comments and will inform all stakeholders of the outcome before the end of June 2020 to facilitate any changes that may occur from September 2020.

To respond to the consultation please click on the link below:

https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/curriculum-review/

With best wishes,

Principal