



5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you all as we near the end of the year to thank you all for the warm welcome at Alsom. I am impressed by the school's potential, but I recognise that we have much to do to become the 'Amazing Alsom' we aspire to be. We will roll up our sleeves and start working towards this goal!

I will be sending out a school newsletter and an end of year letter to you all in due course, but for now I am writing to propose to you, a change to our school day for next academic year 2024-25 and a change within our PE curriculum.

I would like you all to consider these proposals and discuss them with your children and I will, of course, be pleased to hear your views.

You can respond with your thoughts via our [online feedback form here](#) and the form will also be available from our website.

School Day Proposal

Please note the following key points:

1. There are no changes to the start time for our school day, which is 8:25am.
2. We are proposing a short tutor time period at the start of the day to ensure our tutors can build relationships and check readiness to learn around uniform and equipment. This will be shorter than the current 'PDR' session but will ensure a clear routine for the start of every day.
3. We are proposing to add 5 minutes to our morning break from 15 to 20 minutes. Our students have fed back that it is a real rush to eat and use bathrooms, so by increasing the length of break, students will have more time to access the toilets and ensure they can manage their mid-morning snack/drink.
4. We are proposing to bring lunchtime earlier in the day. Some of our students have commented that our lunchtime is late, and they are hungry. Therefore we are considering an earlier lunch period Lunch A at 12-1.30pm and Lunch B 12-30-1pm.
5. We are proposing to place a new 30-minute Personal Development lesson with Form Tutors in the afternoon so that any students not on lunchtime are with their tutors. This will help us to better cover the statutory PSHE curriculum, as well as being more manageable for students and staff.
6. The changes we have proposed above will result in a 15-minute extension to the length of the school day, meaning the day will end at 3pm. As well as providing a more manageable breaktime and an improved Personal Development curriculum, the changes will ensure we meet all Government guidelines around the length of the school week.

Our school day will end at 3pm; however, we aim to encourage as many Year 11 and Year 13 students as possible to stay for Period 6 interventions, while the rest of the school participates in our extra-curricular activities.

Please see overleaf for details of the proposed new day.

Timings	Events
8.00 am	Gates open for students arrival
8.00-8.25 am	Breakfast in canteen
Start of school day	
8.25-8.30 am	Line ups with uniform checks carried out by Tutors/Year Managers
8.30-8.40 am	Short tutor times. Registers taken and equipment checks. Safeguarding checks and Rewards & Reflections
8.40-9.40 am	P1
9.40-10.40 am	P2
10.40-11.00am	Break (Movement bell to sound at 10.55am)
11.00am-12.00pm	P3
12.00-12.30	Split lunch: Lunch A Three year groups e.g. Yr 7/8/11 go to lunch whilst Yr 9/10 go to midday PDR
12.30-1pm	Split lunch: Lunch B Three year groups e.g. Yr 7/8/11 go to PDR whilst Yr 9/10 on Lunch
1pm-2pm	P4
2pm-3pm	P5
End of school day	
3.00pm-4pm	After school booster lessons (known as Period 6) for Yr11 & Yr13 and extra-curricular clubs.

PE Kit proposal- Students to wear their PE Kit to school when they have PE lessons scheduled.

Working alongside Omega Multi-Academy Trust, I have looked closely at our PE lessons at Alsop and noted that the students currently have to be taken off-site by bus to use external facilities. Additionally, we face challenges due to the lack of changing room facilities on our site. We are planning to work extremely hard over the summer to ensure we have far more first-class facilities on our site with a new astroturf and a new functional fitness gym being constructed. We will still use the Lifestyles gym next door and we are confident we can provide a fantastic PE offer to our children which is safer and easier to manage. However, the only way that this can work is for students to come to school in their PE kit on the days their timetable shows that they have PE.

We will require children to wear their normal branded Alsop PE kit for their upper body (e.g. polo shirts/t-shirts/hoodies or jackets, however we have amended our PE kit policy, for the lower body, to be plain black shorts/skirts/sports socks/leggings or tracksuit bottoms to ensure affordability. We recognise this is a large change, however, it is driven by the desire to provide the best experience for our students and we are very constrained by the lack of changing rooms. The students we have spoken to are in favour of this change and there are several other Liverpool schools who currently do this.

We value your input as your feedback is invaluable as we work together to create an amazing school for all our students. Please can I ask you to share your feedback through our [online form here](#) and respond by **Friday 12th July at 3pm.**

As previously mentioned I will write to you all again in the final week of term, but for now thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

J Kerfoot
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Executive Principal