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New School Day for September 2026

23rd June 2026

Dear parent/carers,

As we approach the end of this academic year we are looking forward to September and the opportunities that a new school year brings. Over the spring term we have taken a look at our current curriculum and have made some changes to strengthen the offer to our young people at Armfield Academy. We are aware that there may be more changes ahead, the '[Assessment and Curriculum Report](#)' published in November 2025 explains the need for the current National Curriculum to be reviewed and there are a number of recommendations throughout the report to ensure pupils have the best curriculum delivered to them in schools. The changes we have made at this time have taken into consideration the information within the report and our current offer.

To summarise the important changes, from September 2026 we will be moving to six fifty-minute lessons a day. There is no change to the start or finish times of the school day, and tutor time will be in the morning. This means that the times of the school day will be as follows:

Secondary School Lesson Structure		
8:45 am	Tutor	30 minutes
9:15 am	Period 1	50 minutes
10:05 am	Period 2	50 minutes
10:55 am	Break	20 minutes
11:15 am	Period 3	50 minutes
12:05 pm	Period 4	50 minutes
12:55 pm	Lunch	45 minutes
1:40 pm	Period 5	50 minutes
2:30 pm	Period 6	50 minutes
3:20 pm	Finish	

Students will receive this information in assemblies this week and we thank you again as parents/carers for working in partnership with us to deliver the best curriculum possible at Armfield.

Yours sincerely,

Dr J Hutchinson – Deputy Headteacher

