

Dear Parent / Carer,

In 2022 the Government released a White Paper which outlined an expectation for all schools to offer a school week of 32 hours and 30 minutes by September 2024. Our current week is 32 hours and 5 minutes.

Therefore, from September, our school day will increase by 5 minutes. The additional 5 minutes will be added to our lunch break. This enables pupils to have longer to eat and enjoy their lunches, to have social time with friends benefitting their well-being and to access extra-curricular activities which, in September, will include our impressive new library with an inspiring Morecambe Bay view.

Many families will be aware that we used to have an additional school bus (provided by the local authority) that brought pupils in from the Marsh and Skerton areas of the city. Since the termination of this service, pupils who travel to school from north Lancaster have limited access to public transport. The Ridge Stagecoach bus arrives at 08:40am, so pupils who use this service are late to school. Our attempts to speak with Stagecoach to alter the times of this service bus have, sadly, been unsuccessful.

We have therefore decided to use our lengthening of the school day as an opportunity to propose changes to the timings of our school day, with a later start time to improve punctuality to school. From September 2024, we are proposing the following school day:

Proposed Change with the additional 5 minutes
08:50-09:15: Form time
09:15-10:15: Period 1
10:15-11:15: Period 2
11:15-11:30: Break
11.30-12:30: Period 3
12:30-13:15: Lunch time
13:15-13:20: Movement time to period 4
13:20-14:20: Period 4
14:20-15:20: Period 5
6.5 hrs per day 32.5 hours a week

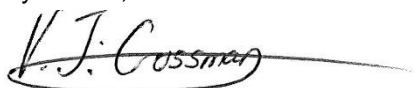
We will continue to open to pupils from 08:10am where pupils can access our free breakfast club. Detentions for missed lunch time detentions will continue to run after school.

In consultation with the Local Authority we will be requesting no changes to the current Bowerham bus morning schedule as this service is continually late dropping pupils at school in the morning.

We welcome any feedback from parents regarding the proposed changes. If you would like to share any feedback please email schoolday@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk by **9am Friday 24 May**.

Confirmation of the school day will be shared with families after May half term.

Many thanks,



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