

10th July 2023

Changing the school day from September 2023: Consultation outcome

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who contacted the school re: the consultation on the changing of the school day from September 2023. In total, we had 19 responses. The governors reviewed the information and the outcomes are as follows.

1. All pupils in the seniors to start the first session (tutor) at the same time.

In the seniors, **tutor time** will be in the morning with the bell going at 8:30am for an 8:35am start. Students from Year 7-11 will have a constant tutor who sees them every day first thing in the morning. This is the best time for students to see their tutor who will often be the person who is called upon at times of celebration or, indeed, for those more difficult moments. The tutor is one of the students trusted adults and addressing any concerns they may have in the morning is intended to ensure that the rest of the day can be more successful.

The school gates will be open from 8:00 am for year 7 and year 8 and then 8:15am for year 9, 10 and 11. This will allow for a staggered entry to the school and the children time to have access to the free breakfast.

Previously, Year 7 and Year 8 arrived at school to have a Destination Reader lesson from 8:20am. This will now take place during the school day. From September 2023, some children will be identified for targeted intervention and will be expected to come in for 8:15am to receive this. This will be communicated to individual pupils and their families.

Time	Activity
8.00-8:30am	Gates open on Kensington Road (staggered start)
8.35am-8:55am	Tutor
8.55am-10:05am	Lesson 1
10:05am-11:15am	Lesson 2
11:15am-11.40am	Destination Reader (7 and 8)/CPR (9,10 and 11)/Break
11.40am-12.05pm	Break/ Destination Reader (7 and 8)/CPR (9,10 and 11)
12.05pm-1.15pm	Lesson 3
1.15pm-1:50pm	Lunch
1:50pm-3:00pm	Lesson 4
3pm-4pm	Extra-Curricular

2. In seniors, there will be 4 lessons of 70 minutes each day.

The 70 minute lessons will ensure that lessons increase the depth of learning and will ensure that practical subjects such as food tech, art and science can be set up and tidied without impacting on the amount of learning/practical time.

Individual plans in place for a student, linked to timed breaks in the lesson, will continue to be in place.

There were concerns raised about the eradication of Dance from the senior timetable. Although, dance is not a compulsory National Curriculum subject, we value dance which is why we are timetabling dance specialists to deliver it as part of the PE rotation. We know dance is good for our pupils which is why it is being written in as a compulsory part of the PE timetable. To keep a 60 minute or 70 minute dance lesson on the timetable is currently not possible due to staffing numbers.

3. Senior school finish time

The initial proposal was to finish the senior school day at 2:50pm. However, in order for all senior students to be able to have adequate time and access to the food in the canteen during lunchtime, there will be an additional 10 minutes at lunchtime (35 minutes) for all senior students. **This therefore means that the school day for seniors will end at 3:00pm.** This will also mean that there would be time for the organisation and running of senior lunchtime clubs.

4. In primary, the school day will continue to finish at 3:30pm. This will also mean that children will continue to be picked up from extra-curricular clubs at 4:30pm.

After taking into consideration the feedback from the consultation responses, responses from those who attended the community meeting, and the concerns raised about the congestion of traffic due to finish times of local schools, the decision is to continue with the same start and finish times for primary pupils. This will be reviewed again.

***The primary pupils will continue to arrive at school between 8:30am – 8:45am.** The primary pupils will have a 45-minute lunchtime break instead of an hour.

Time	Activity
Start of School Day	8.30am - 8:45am (staggered start)
Lunch	Yr R - 12:10 – 12:55pm Yr 1, 2 and 3 - 12.15-1.00pm Yr 4, 5 and 6 - 12.30-1.15pm
End of School Day	3.30pm
Start of Extra Curricular clubs	3.30pm
Parents and carers collect from Extra Curricular clubs	4.30pm

Wrap around care options (paid):	7.45 am – 8:30am - breakfast club
	3:30pm – 4:30pm – teatime club (no food)
	3:30pm-6pm - teatime club (food)
	4:30pm- 6-pm – teatime club (food)

In addition, there will be 3 teatime club sessions for primary pupils. These will be 3:30pm - 4:30pm, 4:30pm – 6pm and 3:30pm – 6pm.

Please see table below for Teatime club times and costs

Teatime club	
Time	Cost
3:30-4:30	£4.00
4:30 – 6pm	£8.25 (including food)
3:30pm - 6pm	£9.25 (including food)

I would like to thank you all once again for your views in the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Perrett (Chair of Governors)

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