



4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents,

## Changes to the School Day

I am pleased to inform you that from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, we are looking forward to returning to a more 'normal' timetabled school day at Tarleton.

I would like to reassure you that we will still be operating under government guidelines and adhering to our COVID risk assessment which includes the continued use of hand sanitizer, maintaining our year group bubbles and the wearing of masks in classrooms and indoor spaces. I would like to thank you for completing the twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests and ask for your continued support in taking them on a Wednesday and Sunday evening, posting your results both on the school portal and the government site as this allows us to maintain a safe environment and prevent the spread of the virus at the earliest point.

Having listened to our school community and reviewed our current working practice, we feel it is safe to return to a more normal school day, which will have a positive impact on the amount of time in the classroom learning, while still maintaining our high safety measures.

There will be no changes to the start and finish times of the school day, which will remain at 8.45am and 3.15pm. We will be reducing the number of times we ask our students to line up to the start of the day, after break and lunch times, with the aim of increasing the time in lessons, while also having a calm start back to learning after unstructured time. Students will be moving independently between lessons one and two and three and four, on the left side of the space and in a calm manner. While maintaining our year group bubbles we will be moving break time back to one time period for the whole school, while lunch time will be on a split 70 minute rotation and include tutor time, along with inside eating time and outside recreation time. We have been really proud of the mature and sensible way our students have left the school site following our change back to a straight dismissal at the end of the day and this will continue.

We have already explained these changes to our student's through assemblies this week, but will be starting our new timetabled day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May with a re-boot. While this will not include our year 11 students who are fully engaged in their final assessments, the aim of this time is to clearly explain the changes to all students, to focus on reminding students about our high behaviour standards and expectations and spend time discussing

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positive friendships and the use of social media. The timings of the new school day are detailed below:

8.45 Start of school day and line up  
8.50 Lesson 1  
9.50 Lesson 2  
10.50 Break time  
11.10 Line up  
11.15 Lesson 3  
12.10 Lesson 4  
13.05 Lunch time rotation to include Tutor time, inside eating and outside free time  
14.15 Line up  
14.20 Lesson 5  
15.15 End of school day

We will continue to review our working practice in line with government guidance and the evolving COVID local situation, but we are hoping to move back to our highly successful vertical tutoring system and away from year group bubbles in the near future.

Should you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact me via the [enquires@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:enquires@tarletonacademy.org) email address.

Yours sincerely



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