

Fulford School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Revision to the timings of the school day

I am writing to inform you of our consultation on a proposal to alter the timings of the school day with effect from Monday 3rd September 2018. The proposed new timings are given below, along with the rationale for this change and details of how the consultation and decision making process relating to this will operate.

The proposed changes are as follows:

Activity	Current Timings	Activity	Proposed Timings
Period 1	8.50-9.50	Period 1	Unchanged
Period 2	9.50-10.50	Period 2	Unchanged
Break	10.50-11.10	Break	Unchanged
Period 3	11.10-12.10	Period 3	Unchanged
Period 4	12.10-13.10	Period 4	Unchanged
Lunch	13.10 -14.05	Lunch	13.10-13.55
Afternoon Registration	14.05 -14.25	Afternoon Registration	13.55- 14.15
Period 5	14.25-15.25	Period 5	14.15-15.15

Our current teaching time and the structure of the morning and afternoon sessions are unaltered in this proposal. This means that we would maintain the current 25 one hour subject lessons and thus we would keep our current teaching pattern and existing level of contact time. The main change in this proposal is to reduce the length of the lunch break. We believe that this will improve the lunchtime experience of our students, given our lack of indoor social space to use in bad weather and the fact that the last ten minutes of the current lunch break can be problematic. The capacity issue relating to a lack of social space for our students to use at lunchtime has been compounded by the recent growth in the number of students in the school.

Our new catering facilities have greatly improved the dining experiences of our students since our last consultation and they have hugely reduced the time students spent in queues waiting to be served. The increased capacity of the dining hall also means that we have trebled the number of students who use this facility at any one time in comparison to our previous provision. This revised capacity means that our students have time to purchase and consume refreshments in a leisurely manner and will have further time to socialise within a reduced lunch break.

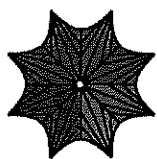
The improvement of our dining hall means that we can accommodate early passes and potentially pre-ordering of food for students engaging in lunchtime activities, in order to ensure that we continue to provide a rich and diverse extra-curricular offer and a range of school clubs. We value highly the extra-curricular activities that take place in our school and the significant value that these add to the experiences and opportunities offered to our students. We are committed to working to maintain this offer. It is worth noting that a wide variety of extra-curricular activities continue to flourish in other schools, both locally and nationally, that operate a lunch break which is either in line with or shorter than the one we propose.

We will be consulting with staff, students, parents, local schools, transport companies and the local authority on our proposals to change the school day. The responses to this proposal will then be considered prior to the final decision being made. Please send any response you wish to make to Jade Mountain at office@fulford.york.sch.uk by 18th May 2018.

Please be assured that this proposed change is rooted in our desire to ensure the best opportunities and outcomes for all the students in our care.

Yours faithfully

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