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Dear parent, guardian, pupil and governors,

Following our extensive consultation with all stakeholders, we are pleased to inform you that from September 2018, the school day will run from 8:30 until 2:40. The structure of the school day will operate as it has over the last academic year with the only change being the removal of travel time which we have found not to be as effective as we had hoped.

From 2:40 each day a range of additional after school sessions will run alongside our current provision.

We currently run -

- 5 x 60 Club
- Netball, Rugby, Football
- Drama Club
- Art Club
- Science Club
- Revision for all subject near the examination periods

A full timetable will be published on our school website for September and updated regularly as this provision develops.

The change of school day will be reviewed annually with any proposed amendments being undertaken following the same process as this year.

I am also pleased to let you know that another great addition to our school day from September will be the delivery of a supervised school breakfast provision. This will commence at 7:30 in the schools bistro and run until first lesson at 8:30.

A range of breakfast dishes and drinks will be on offer and a member of staff will be on hand to ensure students are appropriately cared for during this time. We believe this will help to further support our busy parents.

A similar provision will operate after school running until 3:30 for those learners who wish to remain in school to undertake self study.

For information, during the consultation we received the following:

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Responses to the School Day 2018

- There were four responses submitted regarding the consultation of the school day, two from parents and two from staff.
- There were no suggested alternative timings or other options submitted.

Parent 1

- ☐ The finish of the day was not clear from a parent meeting.
- ☐ There will be reduction of 90 mins teaching time each week with travel time removed.
- ☐ With the finish of the school day at 2.40, some parents will not be home, leaving children longer in the town centre and other areas.
- ☐ Increased traffic at Hillside at 2.40 .
- ☐ With the increased activity at 2.40, it is a shame these could not run later.

Reponse

- The school day timings were published in the consultation letter, however these could have been reviewed/ adjusted with firmer feedback from stakeholders during the consultation.
- Travel time has not proved as beneficial as we first hoped; it has not taken 5 minutes to travel from one class to another and has not had sufficient impact to continue this approach as commented by staff and students in the review of the School Day 2017.
- We aim to provide additional enrichment opportunities at 2.40 to increase range of activities for learners. We will also extend our afterschool and breakfast club supervised provision.
- The traffic management plan that is now in place has eradicated traffic from Hillside at the start and end of school day. No traffic enters this route during pupil movement times.
- By having an earlier finish, we can have additional activities during the hours of daylight and make it safer for students walking home after these activities.

The School day will end at 2.40

TIME	LENGTH	Year 9, 10 & 11 - 12/ 13	Year 7, 8
8.30 – 9.30	60	LESSON 1	LESSON 1
9.30 – 10.30	60	LESSON 2	LESSON 2
10.30 – 10.50	20	BREAK	BREAK
10.50 – 11.50	60	LESSON 3	LESSON 3
11.50 – 1.20	90	LESSON 4 (60) LUNCH (30)	LUNCH (30) LESSON 4 (60)
1.20 – 1.40	20	CORE SKILLS	CORE SKILLS
1.40 – 2.40	60	LESSON 5	LESSON 5

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Parent 2

- ☐ There will be reduced teaching time with no travel time and this will impact on the 30 minute lunch time.
- ☐ The proposal will benefit staff more than students - Vocational, many employee go above and beyond for children, students and families but the length of day stays the same.
- ☐ I am happy with the progress my child is making.

Response

- We run a very successful lunchtime provision which is organised and provides students with food and the opportunity to take part in physical activity. There is a far more settled lunchtime in terms of student conduct.
- Yes, it will benefit staff and students. It will help us retain the exceptional teachers we have and seek to employ in the future

I thank you for your support and input as we trial this new school day. Evaluations will be undertaken termly with any refinements built into the annual review and reported to all stakeholders.

Furthermore, if any parent or governor has a particular skill and would like to volunteer or contribute to our after school provision by leading a class, could you please contact me at the school via email to outline what skills you have and how you could contribute to our school community?

Kind regards

Mr Jarvis

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