

16th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Re-organisation of the school day

Our intention is, that from September 2018, we 'tweak' some of the timings during the school day.

Leading up to this decision we have consulted with staff, students, bus companies and St Lawrence Primary School regarding the changes and have listened to feedback from all parties.

The reasons for the change are explained below in a series of Q and As.

Q Why have a shorter lunchtime?

A We think that by shortening the lunchtime we will see a reduction in the number of incidents that occur during the lunch hour-particularly towards the end. Students have also supported this by saying they find it 'boring' as they are hanging around for too long. Students will therefore start the afternoon in a better frame of mind to learn.

Q What time will they finish?

A They will finish at 3.10pm instead of 3.20pm. There are several advantages to this, when the nights close in during the winter months students depart/arrive home when it is lighter. The new finish time means that students who belong to school sports teams will not miss as much time at the end of the school day when leaving for fixtures. Students who travel on the train will no longer have to miss the last 10 minutes of their lessons and also siblings being collected from the primary school will not have to wait.

Q Won't it mean that they have to rush their lunch?

A We have surveyed the time that serving lunch finishes, over a number of weeks and all students are through the lunch queue by 1pm.

Q What about lunchtime clubs?

A We have discussed the reduction in time at lunch and the departments that run clubs feel they are able to still continue with their current offer.

Q Why is there movement time between lessons 2 and 3 and 4 and 5?

This 5 minutes of movement time allows staff to prepare for the next lesson and for students travelling from opposite ends of the school to arrive to their lesson on time.

Q Why is the morning break earlier?

An earlier break has been suggested as some students who do not have breakfast can eat earlier.

Q Why is the school day starting 5 minutes earlier?

The school day currently starts at 8.50am, to allow students the movement time and earlier finish it was felt that starting 5 minutes earlier would not impact on their overall day, all bus companies have agreed to the earlier pick up time being 5 minutes earlier.

The school day from September will look like this:-

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| Time | |
| 8.45am | Warning bell |
| 8.50-9.05am | Registration/assembly |
| 9.05-10.05am | Period 1 |
| 10.05-10.20am | Break |
| 10.20-11.20am | Period 2 |
| 11.20-11.25am | Movement time |
| 11.25-12.25pm | Period 3 |
| 12.25-1.05pm | Lunch |
| 1pm | Warning bell |
| 1.05-2.05pm | Period 4 |
| 2.05-2.10pm | Movement time |
| 2.10-3.10pm | Period 5 |

If you would like any more information regarding the changes please contact me via office@csschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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