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Consultation to Change the times of the School Day

To Whom It May Concern

We, the Governing Body of The Rose School write to you as part of a consultation process to make changes to the times of the school day. The changes, alongside the rationale for change, are set out below.

We propose

1. Lunch will be 30 minutes long as opposed to 45 minutes, thus reducing the lunch break by 15 minutes.
2. School will end at 2.00pm, reducing the end of the school day by 1 hour. There will be no reduction in teaching and learning time under the proposed changes.

The school day would change as follows:

Current	Proposed	Session
8.30 – 8.45	8.30 – 8.45 (no change)	Breakfast club
8.45 – 9.00	8.45 – 9.00 (no change)	Registration/Tutor
9.00 – 9.45	9.00 – 9.45 (no change)	Lesson 1
9.45 – 10.30	9.45 – 10.30 (no change)	Lesson 2
10.30 – 11.15	10.30 – 11.15 (no change)	Lesson 3
11.15 -12.00	11.15 -12.00 (no change)	Lesson 4
12.00 – 12.45	12.00 – 12.30 (reduced by 15 mins)	Lunch break
12.45 – 1.30	12.30 – 1.15 (starts earlier)	Lesson 5
1.30 -2.15	1.15 -2.00 (starts earlier)	Lesson 6
2.15 – 2.45	No longer run	Reward time
2.45 – 3.00	No longer run	Tutor time

Why change the school day from its current format?

1. **To reduce the times of the lunch break.** We propose this change because the current lunchtime allocation is too long and this can impact negatively on pupil behaviour. The lunchtime staff effectively feed all pupils that have ordered lunch within 15mins. We have many pupils that choose not to eat at lunchtime because the medication they take has an effect on their appetite. By reducing the length of the lunch break, we aim to reduce the number of behaviour incidents which occur during this time, and maintain pupil focus on learning in the afternoon. We hope this will alleviate relationship issues which can often continue into the evening, either via social media or within the community.

- 2. To alter the timing of the end of the school day from 3.00pm to 2.00pm.** The end of the school day can change to 2.00pm if we no longer run reward time and tutor time in the afternoon. We recognise that medication can begin to lose effect early afternoon, pupils begin to feel tired and many still have to face a long journey home. We have taken on board the voice of our pupils who agree this would be a positive change to help them manage their behaviours in the afternoon session.

These proposed changes would bring the school day at The Rose School more in line with a number of other special schools, many of whom report an improvement in the behaviour and attitude of students in the afternoon as a consequence. We would also benefit from aligning our day with that of other schools for curriculum development and working in collaboration with other schools in the Local Authority.

In order for the change to happen for the start of the academic year 2020/21, the consultation process would have to be completed by April 3rd 2020.

We would like to take on board your views before putting in place any changes for September 2020.

To this end, a Consultation meeting will be held by the Governing Body on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at The Rose School, at 5pm. The meeting is open to all parents and carers of registered pupils at the school and the Headteacher and all staff of the school. If you are unable to attend the Consultation meeting, you may submit written comments on the proposed changes before the meeting takes place. Written submissions should be marked Response to the Consultation and all responses should be sent to Clare Chamberlain, Business manager at the school.

Copies of this statement are available for inspection at the main reception of the school during the two week period Monday 16th March to Monday 30th March 2020 preceding the meeting on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 5pm.

Yours faithfully



Cllr Tony Martin

Chairman of the Governing Body on behalf of the Full Governing Body

