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Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil,

Subject: School Day Consultation Outcome 2026/2027

In April I conducted a consultation around some proposed changes to the school day. This came about as a result of feedback and suggestions from parents and carers, staff and pupils. It was necessary to consult more widely to gather views from across our school community. All staff, pupils, and parents/carers had the opportunity to contribute their opinions. Thanks to all who took the time to respond to this.

We carefully reviewed all feedback and used this to shape our final decisions. Below is a summary of what you told us and how this has informed the next steps.

You said:

There are issues with lateness after break and queues at break.

We will:

Prioritise addressing these operational issues rather than reallocating time from lunch to break.

As part of this, we will:

- Seek to add an additional debit card payment station
- Reinforce expectations around punctuality and returning to class on time to pupils who go out of school

You said:

Lateness is often caused by pupils leaving the school site.

We will:

We will review and reinforce expectations around:

- The advantages of remaining on site at break
- Returning promptly at the end of break and lunch

You said:

The gap in the morning before break is too long, particularly for pupils who have not eaten.

We Will:

We have agreed to move break earlier in the day, which supports:

- Better concentration

- Improved health and wellbeing
- More effective learning throughout the morning

What Will Change?

Based on consultation feedback, the following changes will be implemented:

- Break will move to after Period 2 (Monday–Thursday) This creates a more balanced start to the day and supports learning and wellbeing.

What Will Stay the Same

- Lunchtime duration will remain unchanged
- The overall length of the school day, along with start and finish times will remain the same

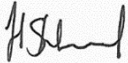
These changes will take place from timetable change on the 1st of June. We will monitor the impact of these changes carefully by tracking attendance and punctuality data.

We would appreciate it if all parent/carers would speak to young people about the importance of being in school on time: in the morning; after break; and after lunch. We believe that punctuality is a key life skill.

Your views have directly shaped this outcome. This is a strong example of how we are working together to improve the school experience for all young people.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Hamish Shankland

Headteacher