



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about proposed changes to the school day from September 2019.

The main changes relate to what is called “teacher travel time” and the timing of tutorial. Being a split site school provides some real opportunities. However, there are some drawbacks one of which is the need to move teachers between the two sites. This currently happens for every lesson, break and registration. To accommodate this we have to allow teachers 5 minutes to travel between the sites.

With the closure of Appleton College, there is a reduction in the need to move teachers between the sites as frequently. Therefore our intention is to maximise this opportunity and restrict travel between the sites, other than exceptionally, to break and lunch times only. Following a review of tutorial time, we have also decided:

- to move this from the end of the school day to the start of the school day
- extend its length
- slightly reduce its frequency

We believe that by doing this we will provide more quality time for tutors to support their tutor groups. Tutorial sessions will now occur twice a week on a Monday and a Wednesday.

As is the case now, the morning registration will take place in the first period or tutorial of the day. The afternoon registration will take place at the start of period five. As a consequence of these changes and in particular the removal of teacher travel time:

- The formal school day for students **will now finish at 3.00 pm each day**. Enrichment clubs will start still start directly after period 5 as is the case now

Overall even though we are finishing earlier, the reduction in teacher travel time means there will be a slight increase in the overall time we spend teaching lessons. Whilst there is a slight reduction to tutorial time, **there is no change to the start of the school day**. Also lunch will now need to start five minutes later but will be at the same time each day.

We firmly believe that these changes - in particular the reduction in teacher travel time, will have a really positive impact upon the quality of teaching and the climate for learning. Discussions with staff, governors and students have been overwhelmingly positive so far.





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That said, I would also welcome the views of parents and carers. Therefore if you have any specific queries or would like to ask further questions please feel free to attend a meeting to be held at the Upper School Library at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 21st May, 2019.

If you would like to attend, or if you would rather email any queries, please reply to the following address: schoolday@bridgewaterhigh.com.

Yours faithfully,

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