



July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Eckington School day timings 2018-19

Following our consultation exercise with students, parents and staff, we have received the full range of feedback regarding the timings of the school day.

You may recall that the intention was to increase focus during the days' learning, with a split of 4 periods before lunch and just 1 period after lunch, in line with our new curriculum model. The feedback from all parties regarding this has been exceptionally positive, especially from Year 8 students and their parents, as a result of its positive impact on their options process.

The feedback regarding a shorter lunchtime reflected a more mixed picture. Some commented on a possible 'rush' at lunchtime and wanted reassurance that all students would have sufficient time to be served, to eat and to socialise with friends. The school has invested in an additional food vending area for September in order to improve service and to allow students ample time to be with their peers.

We have, as well as consulting with students, parents and staff, worked closely with Derbyshire County Council. As you will be aware, they hold a duty to ensure that specific bus services are operated for students.

They have been in negotiation with us regarding the proposed changes to school day timings and are, as yet, not in a position to change the bus service timings. We are, however, able to stagger the arrival and departure of school buses.

As a result of this, we will follow the day timings below for the 2018-19 year:

8:30am	Students must be on school premises
8:40am	School begins
	Registration in form rooms
9:00am	Lesson 1
10:00am	Lesson 2
11:00am	Morning break
11:20am	Lesson 3
12:20pm	Lesson 4
1:20pm	Lunch break
2:00pm	Lesson 5
3:00pm	Home time
3:00 – 3:30pm	Buses arrive and depart

We will continue to work with Derbyshire County Council in the coming months in order to find a long-term solution to this transport issue. This is so that we can then plan for the school day from September 2019, which will assist the school in its journey towards being the best in North Derbyshire for the benefit of our students and the communities we serve.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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