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Dear Parent/Carer

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

We are already into the third week of this busy half term, the school year is flying past. As we continue on our journey towards making the school the best that it can be, I write to inform you about changes that we will be making to the timings of the school day.

From Monday the 7th January 2019 we propose to shorten the length of the lunchtime by ten minutes and to start the school day ten minutes later at 8:50am. The school day still ending at 3:00pm.

The timings of the new school day will be as follows:

8:50am - 9:10am	Registration/Assembly
9:10am - 10:10am	Lesson 1
10:10am - 11:10am	Lesson 2
11:10am - 11:30am	Break
11:30am - 12:25pm	Lesson 3
12:25pm - 1:20pm	Lesson 4
1:20pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Lesson 5

The reasons for this change are as follows:

- The congestion on Chapeltown Road eases at this time and will make travel easier to school for the slightly later start.
- The lunchtime period is currently too long. Shortening the lunchtime will ensure students return to classrooms focused and ready to learn again.

In the last few weeks I have consulted with staff, parents, pupils and the kitchen staff about this slight change to the school day. The vast majority of those consulted are either unconcerned about the change or are in favour of it. Lunchtime clubs will not change and all key lunchtime staff are in support. Following discussions kitchen staff I would like to reassure you that there will be no issue with all students getting served in the canteen at lunchtime during this shorter allocation of time. The generous twenty-minute breaktime at 11am will still remain during which a vast menu will be available as normal.

The school will be open as normal from 8am and there will be no changes to the facilities on offer in a morning. We believe strongly that these changes will have a positive impact on the welfare and education of the students and provide a more balanced school day. The decision has been taken with the benefit of all students taken into consideration as always.

If you have any concerns about this change do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the school. I thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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