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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

### Changes to the School Week

Following on the Parent Information Session (hosted by the Parent Council on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020) we have responded to parent requests; to ensure self-isolating pupils have access to appropriate digital learning materials, by proposing changes to the school week which will increase staff capacity to develop and support digital and distance learning.

We sought the views of all parents, carers and staff. We sent a link to a Microsoft form to all parents, carers and staff through our GroupCall system and we received a strong response in favour of making a change: 92% of parents and carers (206 responses) and 94% of staff (50 responses).

Given the positive response received, we are now planning for the change on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and would welcome any feedback at this point to help support the process. Below is a note of the points raised and discussed at our recent Parent Information meeting;

- **Will the changes remain beyond session 2020-2021.**

The changes proposed are for this school year, however, a further consultation is due to take place later in the school year regarding the curriculum and school week to enable more collaborative working across all 3 secondary schools. The trial changes will help inform this process as we move forward, however, there will be no changes to staffing and structures to ensure we can revert back to the current model if required.

- **Removal of period 7 on a Wednesday.**

This is currently the personal and social development period for all pupils (PSD). PSD will move to a rota system to ensure pupils still receive their entitlement for a Personal and Social Education curriculum.

- **Reduction in time at lunch.**

This has been monitored for a period of time (before restrictions) to ensure there would be sufficient time. Although we are planning for the reintroduction of hot food options, this will still be in line with current health and safety measures to prevent pupils gathering to wait for food, therefore, won't impact on the time required. Under the new protocols pupils should not be leaving the campus and there is significantly less time required with pupils having designated spaces for break and lunch.



- **Earlier finish on a Wednesday.**

Due to the constraints of sharing school buses between schools, the latest finish possible on a Wednesday was 2.40pm. Therefore, the timetable on a Wednesday had to be altered more than the other days – no tutorial in the morning and a shorter lunchtime.

If there is anything you would like to feedback or you have any further queries please get in touch by telephone (01259 452 333) or by email ([lornshill@edu.clacks.gov.uk](mailto:lornshill@edu.clacks.gov.uk)). As ever I am grateful for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Black', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Tom Black  
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