

29th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation on the school day

During the course of the last academic year we ran a consultation on the structure of the school day. It became apparent that we were not in a position to change the timings of the day because of the financial implications with regard to school transport. However we did move mentor time to the beginning of the day and believe this to have been a positive move as highlighted in the recent Ofsted report.

The way lessons and break times were arranged for 2017-18 was initially a temporary measure and we are aware that for a small number of parents and carers there was a concern that lunch was very late at 1.25pm. The current timings are working and are not raising any issues for us in school and it is also generally recognised that only having one period after lunch is better for student concentration and overall behaviour. However we are now consulting staff, students and parents/carers on a possible alternative structure for the school day.

Current		Possible alternative	
8.50am	warning bell	8.50am	warning bell
8.55-9.10	mentor time/assembly	8.55-9.20	mentor time/assembly
9.10-10.10	period 1	9.20-10.20	period 1
10.10-11.10	period 2	10.20-11.20	period 2
11.10-11.25	break	11.20-11.35	break
11.25-12.25	period 3	11.35-12.35	period 3
12.25-1.25	period 4	12.35-13.05	lunch and warning bell
13.25-14.05	lunch and warning bell	13.10-14.10	period 4
14.10-15.10	period 5	14.10-15.10	period 5

Rationale for the alternative:

- Having lunch 50 minutes earlier alleviates the concerns of a small number of parents/carers that the current lunch time is too late and a slightly longer mentor time could allow for more input. However it would mean that break and lunchtime were quite close together and the shorter lunch would limit the extra-curricular activities that are possible within the current 40 minute break.

If you do have any comments regarding this revision to the structure of the school day could you please forward them to schoolday2018@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk. The closing date for the consultation is Wednesday February 21st 2018.

Yours faithfully



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