

4th May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff Colleagues

I am writing to you regarding the consultation to extend the school day by ten minutes to 15:30 from September 2021.

The consultation period recently ended and during this time we had only 10 emails expressing an opinion sent to the email address provided for feedback. Included in this number were some parents that expressed an opinion to the school via the main school office earlier in the year when the idea of a longer school day was first proposed.

Opinions expressed in five parent responses were mixed – both for and against. Staff opinions from the five staff that wrote in were against the proposals in their current form and requested further clarification around a number of issues. We will now spend some time looking at those issues to see what can be done to address them. Key issues we will look at include:

- The impact on the wellbeing of our young people
- Issues linked to additional staff working time and recompense
- Staff morale and community spirit if different parts of our school have different lunch times.

It should be noted that overall the response to the consultation was low which is indicative that many individuals did not have strong opinions one way or the other.

Based on this feedback we will continue to explore the idea of extending the school day by 10 minutes but do so in a sensitive and empathetic manner so that the concerns raised by members of the school community can be specifically addressed and mitigated where possible. We will update the community on our revised proposals in due course. Clearly, we do not want to lengthen the school day for its own sake, but do want to be able to offer a split lunch with reading time moved elsewhere in the day so that our young people have sufficient recreation.

Many thanks to those that have contributed.



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