



6 June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to let you know of some changes to our timetable and to our school day starting in September.

We are going to make some adjustments to the amount of time spent on subjects in the curriculum. We have decided to change from six lessons of 50 minutes each day to five lessons of 60 minutes. The total time spent in lessons is unaltered, but the amount of time changing from one lesson to another is reduced, and there will be more time for deeper learning and consolidation in each lesson. As you can see, there will be four lessons in the morning and one in the afternoon, again to maximise learning when students are fresher.

Alterations to the school day

Start of day warning bell	8.40am
Registration	8.45am
Reading/Intervention	8.50am – 9.10am
Lesson 1	9.10am – 10.10am
Lesson 2	10.10am – 11.10am
Break	11.10am – 11.30am
Lesson 3	11.30am – 12.30pm
Lesson 4	12.30pm – 1.30pm
Lunch	1.30pm – 2.05pm
Lesson 5	2.05pm – 3.05pm

These timings represent a slightly earlier start in the morning and finish in the afternoon. Caterlink will continue to provide both the lunch service and the full breakfast and breaktime service that they currently provide so children will not have to wait until 1.30pm to buy something to eat.

In common with many other secondary schools, from September we will operate a two week timetable, made up of Week A and Week B. These two weeks will have identical lesson times, but the balance of lessons may vary from one week to another. For example, a student in Year 8 may have 4 lessons of English in Week A, and 3 in Week B. We will help students to be clear about which week is which, with notices at Student Services, on the website, Twitter and on the screens around school. Experience of those who have worked in schools which operate a two week timetable suggests a positive experience and that confusion is short-lived, but we would ask for your support in making sure students know which week is which.

The first day for students in Years 8 to 11 will be Wednesday 4th September. This will be Wednesday of Week A. The first full week, beginning Monday 9th September, will be Week B. The weeks will then alternate continuously after each holiday as shown on the attached Term Dates calendar.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for these changes which we believe will have a positive impact on students' learning.

Yours faithfully

Colin Belford
Headteacher



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		4	11	18	25	Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat		6	13	20	27	Sat		4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun		7	14	21	28	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30

Term Time			Holidays	
Bank Holiday			Inset Day	

- Term 1:** Mon 2nd Sept – Fri 25th Oct 2019 (Inset days Mon 2nd Sept & Fri 4th Oct
Tues 3rd Sept: Years 7, 12 and 13 start
Weds 4th Sept: Years 8, 9, 10, 11 start
- Term 2:** Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20th Dec 2019 (Inset days Fri 29th Nov & Fri 20th Dec)
- Term 3:** Mon 6th Jan – Fri 14th Feb 2020
- Term 4:** Mon 24th Feb – Fri 3rd April 2020
- Term 5:** Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May 2020
- Term 6:** Mon 1st June – Mon 20th July 2020 (Inset day Mon 20th July)

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2019
	26 th December 2019
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2020
Good Friday	10 th April 2020
Easter Monday	13 th April 2020
Early May Bank Holiday	4 th May 2020
Spring Bank Holiday	25 th May 2020
Summer Bank Holiday	31 st August 2020