



June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: CONSULTATION – CHANGES TO THE TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We are writing to you as part of our consultation process in considering the changing of the timings of the school day to further enhance the experience and engagement of our learners. This is in line with many other schools nationwide that have also reviewed their arrangements and made changes in line with their findings.

Throughout this year a group of staff have undertaken a project investigating how changes to the school day could impact on pupils' attitude to learning. We are now wishing to make formal changes, which will potentially become active in September 2017. As such we would like all parents to have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed new model, which is detailed at the end of this letter.

We would like to move the lunch break, so that all but one of the lessons happens before lunch, as we believe that students are much more motivated to learn and make better progress in the lessons scheduled before lunch and as such have the best opportunities for learning. Internal school evidence and current educational research suggests that behaviour is better and concentration levels are much improved when the teaching time after lunch time is kept to a reasonable minimum.

We would also like to move to a shortened lunchtime as we believe this time would be better spent beginning afternoon lessons sooner thus allowing them to finish school earlier. This change in lunchtime arrangements will also alter the movement of students around the site and subsequently ensure pupil safeguarding is improved, particularly during wet or very cold lunch breaks. We are confident that in the time allocated all students will be able to have their lunch and relax in readiness for the final afternoon session.

The school day will finish at 2.55 pm every day for all students and buses will leave at this time. When we launch the Year 11 additional support timetable students will continue to be expected to stay in school on identified nights for a further hour in order for them to access additional support in readiness for their GCSE exams.

Additional positive reasons for this suggested change are that: It will enhance our extra-curricular provision for students taking part in clubs and activities. During Year 11 additional support lessons, students can access extra help for up to an hour and still leave the site before 4pm. An earlier start to any enrichment sessions will mean that students are less tired, particularly in the winter months. Students who receive an after-school detention will also be able to leave 10 mins earlier which, given how rapidly light can fail in the winter months, may make the difference between a student walking home in the light or the dark.

The consultation period sees this proposed change being put to students, parents and staff. Any parents who wish to give feedback or enquire further are invited to respond via the school email: main@olcc.lancs.sch.uk under the email heading 'Change to School Day Consultation' by Friday 30 June 2017.

A final decision will be made by the Governing Body on Wednesday 5 July 2017 with any proposed changes taking effect in September 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Des Coyle

Deputy Headteacher

Proposed School Day from September 2017

| | Start | Finish |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| School Starts Registration | 8.45am | 9.05am |
| Period 1 | 9.05am | 10.05am |
| Period 2 | 10.05am | 11.05am |
| Break | 11.05am | 11.20am |
| Period 3 | 11.20am | 12.20pm |
| Period 4 | 12.20pm | 1.20pm |
| Lunchtime | 1.20pm | 1.55pm |
| Period 5 | 1.55pm | 2.55pm |