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Changing the School Day: Consultation for St Nicholas CE Middle School

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you as part of a consultation process to make changes to the school day. The changes, alongside the rationale for change and timescales are set out below. We would like to take on board your views before putting in place any changes for September 2020.

In summary, the proposal seeks to ensure:

- a) Allowing more time at the end of the day for extra-curricular activities but still allowing for students to get home at an appropriate time;
- b) There is no loss of learning time as there will still be five, 50 minute teaching periods delivered over the course of the day;
- c) That the Middle School finishes 5 minutes later than Pinvin CE First school, allowing parents to collect children from both schools without a long wait.
- d) The school buses can collect from the Middle School before driving on to Pershore High School
- e) That the pupils can leave the school site punctually and not have to wait up to half an hour for a school bus. This requires significant staffing and our First School pupils currently sometimes have to wait up to 45 minutes in school before their bus arrives.

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1. Why change the school day from its current format?

The need for change has been agreed by the school's leadership team as a result of the following:

Student voice

Our pupil parliament have discussed on several occasions how they find the wait for the school buses frustrating, and for some of our more vulnerable pupils, stressful.

Professional development of staff

Due to the amount of time we have to wait for pupils to be collected and therefore supervised, our staff meetings and professional development opportunities are unable to start until 4.05pm, at the very earliest. This has had a significant impact on staff training historically.

Pupil behaviour

We strive for the highest standards of conduct from our pupils and the shorter day, allowing buses to arrive straight after school, means that there are no opportunities for pupils to make poor behaviour choices.

Impact on extra-curricular activities

We are committed to extra-curricular provision and have considered the impact the change may have on student uptake of these opportunities. We currently have a greater amount of activities running after school than during lunch. By finishing at 3.30pm as we currently do, clubs end in the dark in the winter months and it is a late finish for both students and staff. The earlier finish should make this situation less of an issue.

Finish time of local schools

By considering the finish time of Pershore High School (3.30pm) we should be able to get our children on to the buses in an efficient manner and still allow the buses to continue onto the High School without any negative impact on their pupils or staff

Buses

We shall consult with the Worcestershire School Transport team but we are confident that they will be able to accommodate these changes from September 2020. Our initial thoughts have already been shared with School Transport earlier in the year.

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2. Proposed New Timings for the day

The school day will remain as it has since January 2020. The adjustment will come in the afternoon sessions

8.40-8.55 Informal Tutor Group time and registration
9.00-9.50 Lesson 1
9.50-10.40 Lesson 2
10.40-11.00 Morning Break
11.00 – 11.50 Lesson 3
11.50 – 12.40 Lesson 4 -
12.40 – 1.30pm Lunch
1.30 – 1.35pm Registration
1.35 – 1.55pm Collective Worship
1.55pm -2.10pm Maths meeting time
2.10 – 2.30pm Whole Class reading
2.30pm – 3.20pm Lesson 5

3. Consultation Arrangements

The Scheme of Delegation (available on the school website) states that the Local Academy Board (previously known as the Local Governing Body) be consulted on any proposed changes to the school day. Under the Scheme of Delegation, it is for the Executive Team to make the decision on any proposed changes to the timing of the school.

This consultation with parents & carers and other stakeholders will run concurrently.

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Please do email any feedback on the consultation to office@pinvinfed.co.uk

The consultation period will end at 12pm on Friday 21st May 2020. We will then consider the comments and will inform all stakeholders of the outcome at the start of term 6, to facilitate any changes that may occur from September 2020.

Yours sincerely

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