



17th June 2022

Dear families

Proposal to Change the Length of the School Day

I recently wrote to you explaining that the government was introducing a minimum length school week to ensure consistency in schools across the country. Our current school day falls some way short of this by 1 hour 40 minutes, so I am writing to inform you of our proposal to change our school day timings from Thursday 1 September 2022.

In reviewing our school day, we were keen to cause minimal disruption and are in essence, reverting back to very similar timings to those that were in place prior to the coronavirus pandemic. As such there will be no change to the start of the school day which remains 8.25 am however the day will finish slightly later at 2.55pm. The number and length of lessons remain unchanged.

The additional time, 1 hour 40 minutes in total, has partly been split between unstructured time (break/lunchtimes) and extended tutor time (note for this reason, there are slightly different lesson changeover times on Wednesday).

The extended tutor time will not only help us to deliver on a whole school reading strategy, so crucial to every young person's access to education, it will also enable us to devote more dedicated time to our important learning for life curriculum.

I believe that these changes will not only enable us to meet the government expectations but will be beneficial to the school community, and to your child's education. The information in this letter will also be shared with local schools and bus companies.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, should you wish to give feedback I ask that you please do so by Friday 24 June, so that we can consider responses with the governing board. All feedback should be emailed to sackvillesecretary@sackvilleschool.org.uk with the subject heading 'School Day proposal'.

Following this, a final decision will be communicated to staff, students and families by Wednesday 29 June.

Yours sincerely

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Proposed New School Day from September 2022:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

8.25am	Tutor time
8.55am	Period 1
9.55am	Period 2
10.55am	Break
11.20am	Period 3
12.20pm	Period 4
13.20pm	Lunch
13.55pm	Period 5
14.55pm	End of school day

Wednesday only:

8.25am	Tutor time
9.05am	Period 1
10.05am	Period 2
11.05am	Break
11.25am	Period 3
12.25pm	Period 4
13.25pm	Lunch
13.55pm	Period 5
14.55pm	End of school day

Current School Day:

8.25am	Tutor time
8.50am	Period 1
9.50am	Period 2
10.50am	Break
11.05am	Period 3
12.05pm	Period 4
13.05pm	Lunch
13.35pm	Period 5
14.35pm	End of school day