

### Changes to the structure of the school day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for such a warm welcome as your new Headteacher.

If I haven't met you yet, I want to let you know that I am honoured to be appointed to lead the school and to have such a wonderful team of dedicated teachers on our staff who are committed to educating your children to ensure they achieve their maximum potential.

I can see, even from the short time that I have been with the school, that our magnificent building and facilities, added to the attitude and high aspirations of our staff, inspires our children to work hard and stretch themselves.

I am also very proud of the fact that the school is growing and become the school of choice for our community. As the school grows, we will be maintaining our average class sizes, to ensure your child has the best environment in which to learn.

One of my promises to you, is to keep you as informed as I am able about the school. I wanted to write to you therefore, to let you know that I will be making some small but important changes to the structure of the school day, which I believe will help improve our learning environment.

The main reason for my decision is to ensure students spend as much time as possible in the classroom with their teachers, which will also increase the quality of lessons for your child, as well as outcomes and results.

#### What the changes will mean

The changes, which will be implemented after the Easter break, are as follows:

- The length of the school day will be consistent for the whole week: 8.40am – 3.30pm. (As you know, we currently finish at 3.45pm Monday-Thursday and at 3.15pm on Fridays).
- Students will go straight into their first lesson at 8.40am. That lesson will also serve as morning registration. Morning registration will also now be a quicker process.



- Lunch time will reduced by 15 minutes to 40 minutes, in line with other schools.
- Tutor time in the morning will be moved to the end of the school day to 3.10pm-3.30pm

The majority of the structure of the school day will remain the same:

- The length of lessons at 55 minutes long.
- Your child will have six lesson a day.
- Break time will be for 20 minutes – 10.50 am – 11.10am.

I do want to stress that these changes will not reduce teaching time. On the contrary, they will increase the time students spend with their teachers by an extra 30 minutes weekly, which I believe will benefit student progress.

Your support will be most appreciated and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the course of the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about these changes.

Finally, I am very keen to build up our engagement with parents and will be seeing how we can do this in the coming months. In the meantime, have you considered following us on social media?

Facebook: heronhallacademy

Twitter: heronhall

YouTube: Chat Academies

Yours sincerely,



Mr Barzey

