



8 June 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Consultation regarding the Timings of the School Day

As we start the second half of the summer term and look forward to the summer holidays, I would like to engage you in a consultation about the proposal to change the timings of the school day, which will take effect from September 2018.

We are currently in the process of evaluating all aspects of school with the intention of improving every aspect of our performance. We believe the proposed new school day will allow for much calmer, orderly and well supervised social periods. This proposed change is in direct response to concerns raised by students about access to supervised facilities for everyone during social times. This is particularly important during the winter months when it is incredibly difficult for the school to provide sufficient indoor supervised spaces during this period of time. There are many "Outstanding" schools that have successfully implemented a school day model that includes split lunch breaks of 30 minutes in duration.

The tables below and overleaf set out the existing arrangements together with those proposed for September 2018.

Current School Day and Social Time Arrangements

Activity	Time	Duration
Registration/Form Time/Assembly	08.50 - 09.10	20 minutes
Period 1	09.10 - 10.10	60 minutes
Period 2	10.10 - 11.10	60 Minutes
Morning Break	11.10 - 11.25	15 minutes
Period 3	11.30 - 12.30	60 minutes
Lunchtime	12.30 - 13.15	45 minutes
Period 4	13.15 - 14.15	60 minutes
Period 5	14.15 - 15.15	60 minutes
End of day/Extra Curricular	15.15 Onwards	

Central to the values of The King's School is a commitment to the safeguarding and protection of young people.



Proposed School Day and Social Time Arrangements - September 2018

Registration	09:00 - 09:20			
Period 1	09:20 - 10:20			
		Y8 & Y10	Y7	Y9 & Y11
Period 2 / Break	10:20 - 10:35	Break	Break	Period 2
	10:35 - 11:35	Period 2	Period 2	
	11:20 - 11:35			Break
Period 3	11:35 - 12:35	All Years		
Split Lunch				
		Y8 & Y10	Y7	Y9 & Y11
Period 4 / Lunch	12:35 - 13:05	Lunch	Period 4a	Period 4
	13:05 - 13:35	Period 4	Lunch	
	13:35 - 14:05		Period 4b	Lunch
Period 5	14:05 - 15:05	All Years		
Period 6	15:05 - 16:05	Additional Support		

Having looked at similar provision in other secondary schools, and from the informal discussions that have taken place to date with key stakeholders, we have enclosed a frequently asked questions document that should provide some clarity around some immediate questions that you may have.

If you would like to respond to the consultation and give your view, you should do so in writing by contacting Karen Josse, The King's School Business Manager on email address kjosse@kings.patrust.org.uk by writing to the above address. The deadline for any input in to the consultation is Friday 15 June 2018.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of The King's School.

Yours sincerely

James Franklin-Smith
Executive Director of Secondary Education

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do the new lunchtime arrangements provide students with sufficient time to have their lunch and a sufficient break from their learning?

A. The proposed lunchtime arrangements do represent a reduction in time for lunch from 45 minutes to 30 minutes. Given that there will be significantly less students taking their lunch break at any one time, this gives students and staff ample time to take their lunch and take a break from teaching and learning. It will reduce the queuing times and make movement around site quicker, safer and easier for our students.

Q. Is it appropriate that some students should have to wait until later in the day to have something to eat?

A. We support all our students to make independent choices about when they access their food and drink during the school day. The dining room facilities will continue to serve breakfast items from 8.00am and, if students choose not to have breakfast, the break time service is an hour earlier than it is currently for the majority of students. There is a very slight change to the timing of the break time arrangements for the remaining students. Our catering arrangements are such that a wide range of healthy snacks and a variety of foods are readily available at breakfast, break time and lunch. Our menus are reviewed termly and we welcome feedback from students and parents regarding the offer that is available. We will endeavour to support our students who may find the transition to a later lunch difficult, by encouraging them to make sensible, healthy choices during breakfast and/or break time services.

Q. Will the reduction in lunchtime affect the extra-curricular activities being offered to students?

A. The King's School offers all of its students a wide range of extra-curricular activities and will continue to do so. Student participation is generally greater at the end or the beginning of the school day rather than during lunch time. By reducing the school day this allows for the after school activities to finish earlier - this is particularly important during the winter months.

Q. Will the designated lunchtime areas for students' change?

A. Both The King's School and Carleton Community High School have recently invested in an outside serving kiosk which provides a range of food items particularly suited to being consumed outside. The original designated eating spaces will continue to be available and will be reviewed to reflect the changing needs of the school.