



CHARLTON SCHOOL

*Taking PRIDE in progress and partnership,
with learning at the heart of all we do.*



Principal: Mr A McNaughton

24th May, 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

A summary of the responses to the consultation to change the school day timings was presented at the Governors' meeting on Tuesday 21st May. Governors upheld the proposal and have agreed to implement the new timings as below:

Activity	Confirmed Times
Registration	8.45am - 9.05am
Lesson 1	9.05am – 10.05am
Lesson 2	10.05am – 11.05am
Break	11.05am – 11.25am
Lesson 3	11.25am – 12.25pm
Lesson 4	12.25pm – 1.25pm
Lunch	1.25pm – 2.00pm
Lesson 5	2.00pm – 3.00pm
End of school day	3.00pm

A total of 22 responses from parents were received:

- 6 Responses were in support of the proposal
- 6 Responses were specifically about the timings of the Arriva Number 16 bus service
- 10 Responses were against the proposal

Those in favour commented on the benefits of:

- Time for additional and more varied clubs
- Help picking up younger siblings
- More time outside of school time for medical appointments

The 6 queries around the Arriva service enquired if the school service (number 16) would leave earlier in line with the proposal for the other school buses; this has been confirmed by the Local Authority. All buses will leave at 3.20pm.

Those against the proposal commented on:

- Concerns over insufficient time for lunch
- Length of breaks to absorb learning/aid concentration
- Supervised child-care provision after school
- Preference for a longer school day
- If prospective parents of new Year 7 students had been informed
- Concerns if we are intending to bring other year groups in for early lunch
- Sitting space in the canteen area

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With regards to time for lunch; observations over the Spring and Summer term have shown that the queue has now gone through the canteen well within 20 minutes. The canteen staff are clearing away from 2.00pm, which is 25 minutes after the start of our current lunchtime. We acknowledge, as happens every year, it will be busier in the first few weeks of the Autumn term as our new cohort familiarise themselves with lunch arrangements, but we are confident lunch service can be completed within the new timescales.

We will continue to allow Year 7 to access the canteen early, but there is no intention to increase this across other year groups, preventing any loss of learning time. We are also investigating the option to increase the number of tables available within the canteen area.

I can reassure parents there is no intention to reduce the level of after-school supervision, this will remain until 4.30pm within our library area.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr A McNaughton
Principal