



19 April 2021

Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and have been able to enjoy the bit of sunshine that we have had over the last week.

As you will be aware, we are currently planning for September 2021. Can I say a huge thank you again to all the parents who completed the questionnaire that was sent out, this has been a key feature in our planning for September. On the assumption that by September there will be a continued easing of the current restrictions, the new school day will be a mix of the way that we used to operate with some 'COVID keeps,' these are changes that have had a positive impact overall on the school and that we want to continue going forward.

**Proposed School Day from September 2021 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)**

Registration	8.40am – 9.05am			
Period 1	9.05am – 10.05am			
Period 2 & Break	10.05am – 11.20am	Potentially staggered break times		
Period 3	11.20am – 12.20pm			
Period 4 & Lunch	12.20pm – 2.00pm	Group 1 Lunch 12.20 – 12.50	Group 2 Lunch 12.55 – 1.25	Group 3 Lunch 1.30 – 2.00
Period 5	2.00pm – 3.00pm			

**Proposed School Day from September 2021 (Thursday only)**

Registration	8.40am – 9.05am			
Period 1	9.05am – 10.05am			
Period 2 & Break	10.05am – 11.20am	Potentially staggered break times		
Period 3	11.20am – 12.20pm			
Period 4 & Lunch	12.20pm – 2.00pm	Group 1 Lunch 12.20 – 12.50	Group 2 Lunch 12.55 – 1.25	Group 3 Lunch 1.30 – 2.00
<b>EARLIER FINISH 2 PM (Years 8 – 13 only, Year 7 to remain on-site until 3pm)</b>				

**Some Key changes/Covid Keeps**

- Registration sessions will be reinstated as I feel that the student's relationship with their tutor is an important one and we have missed this during this year. Registration will be extended to 25 minutes and citizenship will be delivered during this time.
- The zoning of students and having the Learning Behaviour Manager/Head of Year on the corridor has been very positive overall, we are looking to maintain zoning and staffing on corridors at all times as much as possible in September.

- Period 4 would be 1hr 40mins which will include three staggered 30 minute lunches. This year, the introduction of the shortened, staggered lunches has had a very positive effect on the school overall. We are still considering which year groups would go into each lunch session.
- Period 2 would be 1 hour 15mins which includes a morning break. Students will come out of their classrooms during this time.
- Although some students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have enjoyed the three hour sessions, others have found them too long. We are aiming to maintain double lessons wherever possible in the new timetable to continue to reduce movement around the school. The extended sessions of learning have helped teachers cover subject topics in much more depth, especially at KS4.

I have yet to make a final decision on whether students will continue to come into school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE in September. I am still in discussions with the PE team about this and will let you know once all the positives and negatives have been discussed and a final decision agreed.

### **Consultation on a change to the school day on Thursdays from September 2021**

In common with the other Archway Learning Trust secondary academies, we are proposing to finish the formal school day at 2.00pm, an hour earlier, every Thursday from September 2021. Teachers will then begin an afternoon of training and development, both at Lees Brook and with colleagues from across Archway Learning Trust, the Trust have operated this model successfully for a number of years now. This additional time will be used by staff to plan together high quality lessons for students throughout the week. Students in Years 8 to 13 will be able to go home at that time to follow some independent study. For Year 7 students, the enrichment programme will be compulsory and they will remain in school until 3:00pm. The curriculum has been reviewed to ensure that this does not impact on GCSE examination subjects.

### **Face Masks and Home Testing Kits**

The government has now issued guidance stating that the wearing of face masks will continue to be advised after the Easter holiday and will be reviewed again in May. As before, at Lees Brook we strongly encourage the wearing of face masks in classrooms.

All students who have consented received additional lateral flow testing kits for use over the Easter holiday. We will be issuing more testing kits out shortly. As before it is advised that these are completed twice a week, I think it is better to follow a routine of the same two days every week. Please ensure that any positive tests are reported to school. These tests are to discover if anyone has coronavirus without any symptoms. If anyone in your household has any coronavirus symptoms, the guidance remains that they must self-isolate and take a PCR test. Please contact school if you have any queries regarding this.

As always, a huge thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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