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Dear Families

I am writing to inform you that from September 2024 we will be making some changes to the timings of our school day.

The rationale for this change is to support students and teachers in their work:

- To ensure our curriculum responds to student needs - more PSHE time to support changing needs in society
- To maintain a broad and balanced curriculum
- To improve focus on learning and reduce cognition overload by having fewer, longer lessons. (It will be easier to focus on 5 lessons per day rather than 6).

In order to allocate appropriate lesson time to subjects, we will be switching from a one week to a two week timetable. This means that there will be slight differences and we will all need to make sure that we know which week we are on! E.g. in Week A there might be 2 single PE lessons on different days, whereas in Week B, there may be a double PE lesson.

Every minute of the lessons will be used to good effect as part of our change to the school day also factors in a 5-minute movement time between each lesson. As you know, we are a big site, and with lessons currently ending and starting at the same time, there is a certain amount of delay that we hope to stop with clear end and start times to lessons.

In response to student feedback, break time will be 5 minutes longer. This should give more time for students to get food and have a comfort break. This too should support better concentration in class.

You will be aware that a two week timetable with 5 lessons per day is a very common set up for schools and we will soon get used to these changes. Please note that the timings of every day will be the same and the earlier finish every day means we will no longer finish at 2.30pm on a Friday.

The division of lessons is as follows:

08.30 - 08.50	Registration
08.50- 08.55	Movement time
08.55 - 09.55	Period 1
09.55 - 10.15	Breaktime - including 5 mins movement time from 10.10
10.15 - 11.15	Period 2
11.15- 11.20	Movement time
11.20 - 12.20	Period 3
12.20 - 13.00	Lunchtime - including 5 mins movement time from 12.55
13.00 - 14.00	Period 4
14.00 - 14.05	Movement time
14.05 - 15.05	Period 5

We are giving you good notice of this change in case you need to make different travel or transport arrangements or factor in a primary school run. We have informed Gloucestershire County Council school transport department regarding the village buses. You will hear from them regarding any changes to journey timings. Those who use our school minibus to Gloucester will be contacted with a revised timetable.

Access to the school site for parents at the start and end of the school day remains extremely limited and we still expect the majority of students to cycle or walk. The canteen will continue to open at 8.00am for breakfast for those students who eat on site before registration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about this change to our school day.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare de Glanville', written in a cursive style.

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