



17 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Proposed changes to the school day from September 2021 at Hindley High School (Outwood Academy Hindley)**

I write to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day at Hindley High School (Outwood Academy Hindley).

In summary, they are:

- Students will need to arrive at school by 8:20am, ready for a prompt 8:25am start to form time.
- The school day will end at 2:30pm each day, with optional enrichment activities ending at 3:30pm. Further details about the enrichment offer will be communicated in September.

Should the changes be approved, they will be effective from 1 September 2021.

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. I enclose a document which explains the rationale for making these changes along with a copy of the full, proposed school day timings.

The information in this letter has also been sent to staff and governors, the local authority, local primary and secondary Headteachers and transport services. We will work together so that there is minimal disruption and any changes to school transport will be communicated to you as soon as we receive them.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by completing a short form which can be found [here](#). Paper copies of the form are available from the school Reception. Responses should be submitted/returned to the school by Friday, 11 June 2021.

We will share the results of the consultation by Friday, 18 June 2021.

Yours faithfully



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**Chief Executive Principal,  
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Margaret Woodhouse  
**Chair of IEB**



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**Acting Headteacher**

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### Proposed Changes to the School Day – Rationale

The proposed new school day will allow many benefits, including:

- A form group programme, starting at 8:25am each day, will set the tone for positive learning experiences for all students.
- Students are more receptive to learning in the morning therefore the majority of lessons take place before lunch.
- Staggered lunches allow all students to be seated in the dining area, in a calm atmosphere, including in poor weather conditions and corridors can be kept clear.
- Year 7 students are able to have lunch on their own, supporting their transition to secondary school.
- The 2:30pm finish allows a programme of enrichment and intervention activities for students to take place. These all take place between 2:30pm to 3:30pm on all days except Tuesdays so students can still be home early.
- With agreement with professional associations, a 2:30pm finish allows staff to have two hours of weekly professional development to embed systems and drive school improvement at a rapid pace.

| Period                                | Time              |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Arrival on Site                       | 8:20am            |
| Start of the School Day               | 8:25am            |
| Form Time/Assembly                    | 8:25am - 8:45am   |
| Period 1                              | 8:45am - 9:45am   |
| Period 2/Staggered Break (15 Minutes) | 9:45am - 11:00am  |
| Period 3                              | 11:00am - 12:00pm |
| Period 4/Staggered Lunch (30 Minutes) | 12:00pm - 1:30pm  |
| Period 5                              | 1:30pm - 2:30pm   |
| Enrichment (Optional)                 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm   |