

gilesacademy

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

For some time, I have looked for an opportunity to review the school day to ensure it is fit for purpose for our students. Having discussed this at length with many stakeholders, I would now like to propose some changes for the school day from Sept 2019.

My primary aims within these changes are to:

1. Reduce the length of lunch time to a more reasonable length while still allowing opportunities for lunchtime enrichment activities.
2. A reduction of pastoral support time from 40 mins per day to 30 (or less) minutes per day.
3. The retention of our current structure of timetabled lessons.

Having consulted with a group of representatives of the school staff and considering various options I have arrived at four current "working models". We are actively working with the various transport providers to arrive at a preferred structure. A reduction in the school day will inevitably mean some adjustment to either the start time or the end time (or both).

The various models currently include the following possible start times to the day:
8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am or 9.00am.

They also include the following possible end times for the school day:
3.10pm, 3.20pm, 3.30pm or 3.40pm.

I would remind you that we have a breakfast club available for any student arriving before the start time and we have facilities available for students to work independently (as well as some after school activities) for students who stay after the end of the school day.

I would very much appreciate your response to these suggestions via email to schoolday@gilesacademy.co.uk by Friday 24 May 2019. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,



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