

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers

Changes to the timings of the school day from September

We have recently reviewed the timings of our school day to take into consideration the significant changes to the curriculum at GCSE and A Level, and to ensure that the time available is used to its maximum, so that the highest quality teaching and learning experience can be provided to our students.

From September 2018, the timings of the school day will be as follows:

Time	Activity
08:45 – 09:00	Registration/assembly
09:05 – 10:05	Period 1
10:10 – 11:10	Period 2
11:10 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Period 3
12:35 – 13:35	Period 4
13:35 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Period 5

You will see that the new school day means that the number of lessons per day will reduce from six fifty minute lessons to five sixty minute lessons. Movement time is also included ensuring that curriculum time can be maximised, whilst providing time for students to move safely around the site between lessons.

All transport providers have been notified of the changes to the start and the end of the school day and at the time we carried out the review, no problems were envisaged. However, the recent changes to the Stagecoach timetable means that the 1 and 1X services from Chilham, Godmersham and Wye is scheduled to arrive at 08:43, giving the students only two minutes to get to registration/assembly. We are aware that parents have already complained to Stagecoach about the timings of this service, as it often runs late, and we too have raised our concerns. We are continuing to liaise with Stagecoach regarding this. However, we would like to reassure parents/carers that if the timetable remains unchanged in September, we will closely monitor the arrival time of the bus and if it results in students arriving late for registration/assembly, they will not be penalised.

We hope that the minor changes to the start and end times of the school day do not cause any inconvenience to parents and students. As is the case at present, students will continue to have access to the school site from 08:00 and can attend homework club which runs every day after school.

Kind regards

Ms S. Staab
Headteacher

