

Monday 16th December 2024

Dear families

Re: Outcome of the consultation to change the length of the school day

In November we started a consultation on a proposal to change the length of the school day. This consultation took place using an online survey, an Information Evening and through email responses.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for taking part in this consultation. We had many responses through the different forums available.

Our consultation had a primary focus on the following changes:

1. A later start to the school day moving from 8:30am to 8:35am
2. A shorter break time and longer lunch time:
 - Changing break from 25 minutes to 20 minutes (10:45am-11:10am to 10:45am-11:05am)
 - Changing lunchtime from 40 minutes to 45 minutes (1:10pm-1:50pm to 1:05pm - 1:50pm)

While consulting on the above we also took the opportunity to investigate opinions on a third potential change.

3. Switching the order of afternoon registration and lesson 5.

The outcome of our consultation on this proposal showed that, overall, stakeholders were strongly in favor of the first two changes. The support for the third change was less strong. Along with indicating your support for the changes you also shared your rationale in making these decisions and explained how you thought each change would impact on your child's experience at John Mason School, either positively or negatively.

I read each of these comments carefully and used them to make a decision on which elements of the proposal to move forward with.

I am pleased to inform you that from 7th January 2025 our school day will be starting at 8:35am and we will have a 20-minute breaktime and a 45-minute lunchtime, followed by Afternoon Tutor time and then Lesson 5.

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The timings for the school day will be as follows starting from Tuesday 7th January 2025:

- 8:35am – 8:45am Morning Tutor
- 8:45am – 9:45am Lesson 1
- 9:45am – 10:45am Lesson 2
- 10:45am – 11:05am Break
- 11:05am – 12:05pm Lesson 3
- 12:05pm – 1:05pm Lesson 4
- 1:05pm – 1:50pm Lunch
- 1:50pm – 2:10pm Afternoon Tutor
- 2:10pm – 3:10pm Lesson 5

Thank you very much for your support with these changes which we look forward to implementing in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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