

WH/RNM

31st May 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

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I hope that the holiday is going well for you and your family.

Thank you for your contribution to our consultations on changing the school day and converting to an academy; I wanted to bring you up to date with three decisions arising from these.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

We have decided that from September 2017 that the school day will begin at 8.45am and end at 3.00pm. The day will start with a fifteen minute tutor time and will, as now, have five one hour lessons. There will be two half hour breaks, one at 11.00am and one at 12.30pm; hot meals will be served in both. Each day will follow the same pattern. The bus company is making the necessary alterations to their schedules.

CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY

Governors have considered the feedback they received during the consultation and unanimously resolved that the school should, subject to the agreement of the Regional Schools' Commissioner, convert to an academy in partnership with The GORSE Academies Trust (TGAT). It is Governors' intention that this should happen at the earliest practical date, with 1st September 2017 being the ideal.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING DAY

When a school converts to an academy Governors have the option to put one additional staff training day into the school calendar; which has been scheduled for Friday 21st July. This means that term will end for the young people on Thursday 20th July, the date has been chosen as we anticipate that it causes least disruption to our families. This is a provisional arrangement and can only be formally confirmed once the academy conversion proposal has been agreed by the Regional Schools' Commissioner, but we did want you to have as much advance notice as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school; we will keep you apprised of any changes over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

CHRISTOPHER WALSH
Headteacher

