



20 June 2018



Dear Friend of Bury CE High School,



Thank you to all who responded to the Governors' consultation on extending the length of the school day. We have carefully considered your responses and have drawn from them the following conclusions. Firstly, there was a majority view across responders that the extra time would be better found by reducing the amount of breaks that occur during the school day; secondly there would be a number of issues if the day finished later due to issues with child care for those who have younger children, difficulty in getting to sporting fixtures and concerns about travelling during the shorter days in the year; and finally that creating a longer lunch time was a good thing for the school to be doing.



In recent years, the popularity of Bury CE High School has remained strong. We have been significantly oversubscribed in our admissions for many years. The addition of new buildings such as the Sports Hall and the Drama Room, have allowed us to increase the number of places available for children transferring from Primary School. Currently the school can offer 162 places. This number came into force last September and was an increase due to the completion of the Drama Room.



One of the consequences of being a very popular school is that several applications for a place that do not succeed at first; are then successful on appeal. Last year the school admitted 182 pupils to its Year 7 in September. This year, as things stand, we have 162 pupils who have been awarded places and we expect several more will gain a place at through the appeal process or by late applications.



The current number of pupils officially able to have a place at Bury CE High School is 786. In September this will rise to 792. It will continue to rise for the next three years and will eventually reach 810.



We have therefore amended our proposal as follows:



08:40 Registration and collective worship

09:05 Period 1

10:05 Break

10:20 Period 2

11:20 Period 3

12:20 Lunch

13:20 Warning bell

13:30 Registration

13:35 Period 4

14:35 Period 5

15:35 End of compulsory school day for pupils

On Friday, school would close at 14:35.





It is hoped that the minor change to the structure of the school day will not cause any major disruption. It would also have the benefit of making the length of lunch time sufficient so that, were any further growth encountered, a split lunch pattern could be established without the need to further increase the length of the school day. Having longer for lunch time will allow us to ensure that, as our numbers increase, we can accommodate everyone in our Lily and Crown restaurant.

An added benefit of a longer lunch time will be that extra-curricular activities which take place during that time can be less pressurised. Colleagues often find at present that it is difficult to fit all they want to do into a half hour to forty minute session. The increased lunch time will allow these sessions to be 50 minutes or more if staff wanted to increase their length.

We will be implementing these changes to the school day in September 2018. Thank you for your involvement in the consultation process.

Yours in Christ,

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