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Tuesday, 28 April 2020

RE: Consultation for September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope that you and your families are well and coping with this time of isolation and uncertainty. I am hoping that you and your child or children have been able to access work via the student portal or been able to contact the Head of Year to share your concerns. I am aware a number of staff have been in communication with parents or carers via email or telephone. Despite the partial opening of school for those requiring essential support, we are still planning for September.

I have only been in post a short time but I have been party to a number of concerns from you and our students and their families about our school. I recently undertook a survey with students and wanted to give parents similar opportunity for comment.

Below, I have made some suggestions as to how we would like to make changes to improve the school day.

Single Break

We would like to move to one single break, have more serveries open in the kitchen but this will allow less movement in the school building and less disruption to lessons going on.

Single lunch

We would like to move to a single lunch as we trialled just before the lockdown. We would also allow students to use the outside facilities again and move away from the 'Family Lunch' we have seen this academic year. This should give us more scope to offer activities at lunchtime.

2 week timetable

Moving to a 2 week timetable will provide us with a greater flexibility with the KS 3 curriculum, for the most part lessons are likely to be the same each week but with the occasional change.



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Trainers

Personally I feel that uniform for school is incredibly important and that following the policy shows that children respect school rules. I am also conscious that buying school shoes is difficult at the start of the year and fashion brands have made this increasingly difficult. Please comment about a more relaxed shoe policy which includes plain black, leather trainers with a logo the same colour as the shoe?

I am certain that you will have your own thoughts about these proposal but if you could use the following link to share them, that would be great. If you could respond by 12pm Friday 1st May. Please be aware that we will take into account all comments in making the final decision about any changes we make. I thank you for any comments made.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK TO THE FORM](#)

Yours faithfully,

D. Smith
Interim Head of School