



Headteacher/Prifathro: Mr. H. R. Lloyd, BA Hons, MSc
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20th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation: Changes to the School Day

We have made significant improvements to the school this year, and pupil surveys show clearly that pupils are happier in school, and that wellbeing is improving. However even though we have already split KS3 and KS4 lunch, made several significant changes to pastoral structures, and increased the number of staff on duty we are still keen to give Year 7 their own lunch time. This will improve transition, reduce lunch time congestion in the restaurant, and alleviate some of the worries that that Year 6 have upon moving to the “big” school. In order to facilitate this we are proposing:

- To reduce the KS3 lunch breaks by 10mins so that we have a 30 min lunch break (in common with most secondary schools)
- The Key Stage 4 lunch will be 35 mins long.
- To give Year 7 their own lunch break in order to improve transition and to be able to reinforce standards and expectations at the beginning of their school journey. In order to do this Period 4 will be split for Year 7. They will have a lesson for 30 mins go to lunch for 30 mins then return to same lessons. The second part of the lesson will be 35 mins long in order to make up for the return to lesson time. This will work for all lessons apart from PE which will be timetabled during periods 1-3 for Year 7.
- Break will be reduced to 15 mins from the current 20 mins.

In order to implement the above the school day will be reduced by 15 mins and the Secondary Phase school day will end at 2.55pm. The current Secondary Phase school day ends at 3.10pm. This earlier finish will also make it easier to run after school clubs, sporting fixtures etc.

Please note that even though the lunchtime arrangements will change, the actual teaching time of students will remain unchanged. They will still receive the same amount of teaching time as this academic year.



This proposal is to take effect from 1st September 2017 – the new academic year.

Governors, pupils and senior staff have visited other successful schools who have reorganised their school day along these lines. The feedback was positive, and we are convinced that it will support our drive to raise standards and improve wellbeing at Ebbw Fawr Secondary Phase.

We are undertaking a consultation with Governors, staff and parents which will begin on 20th March through to Friday 28th April 2017.

As part of the consultation process, a meeting will be held on the Secondary Phase on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 3.30pm, so that parents and Governors can attend and ask any questions that they may have.

Comments on this proposal should be forwarded to:

Mrs Jacqui Meredith
Headteacher's PA
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by **3pm on Friday 28th April 2017.**

Should you wish further clarification please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher