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July 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of our consultation on proposed changes to the school day.

As part of the consultation process the governors and I have reviewed all the comments we have received from our parents and I would like to thank all of you who took the time to contribute. Having shared with our governors the many and varied views expressed by our students, our own staff, colleagues from our partner schools and the Local Authority, governors have determined that we should not change the start and end times of the school day for September 2009.

In arriving at this decision the governors and I have given due regard to the many parents who expressed concerns over the impact the proposed changes to start and end times would have on their working lives and childcare arrangements. In addition the proposals would have required Reading Buses to provide some additional services, the cost of which would have to be met by parents, which we felt would be unreasonable.

However, the majority of parents and staff expressed support for the split lunch arrangement. Consequently the governors have determined that we should retain from the proposals the arrangements for having a split lunch. This will I believe greatly improve the supervision and eating arrangements for our students at lunchtime.

Many of you were also very much in favour of strengthening the role of the tutor and the new lunch arrangements will also allow us to increase the amount of time devoted to tutor related activities such as academic monitoring and homework supervision. Further details of these changes will be included in the parents' pack and will be posted on our website.

On the reverse of this letter is a diagram showing the new school day which details the start and end times of all teaching sessions and breaks. As you will see from this diagram our standard teaching unit will remain as one hour but from September sessions in some subjects will be delivered as doubles. As in the original proposal a small number of KS5 classes in minority subjects will be scheduled in the twilight session which takes place after school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have shown tremendous support for what we have been trying to achieve at Denefield over the last year. As I come to the end of my first year here I cannot help but reflect on how much has been achieved. I firmly believe we are on the road to recovery and I know we will, by working in partnership with our parents and carers, go on to make Denefield an outstanding school.

Please do not hesitate to get back to me or one of my colleagues if you require further clarification on any aspect of the above.

Yours sincerely

Glyn Whiteford
Headteacher

Denefield School Day - September 2009

	8.30	9.30	10.30	10.50	11.50	12.20	12.30	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.30
Monday	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Tutor KS4 Lunch KS3	Break	Lunch KS4 Tutor KS3	Period 4	Period 5	Staff Training/meeting	
Tuesday	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Tutor KS4 Lunch KS3	Break	Lunch KS4 Tutor KS3	Period 4	Period 5	KS5 twilight lessons	
Wednesday	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Tutor KS4 Lunch KS3	Break	Lunch KS4 Tutor KS3	Period 4	Period 5	Staff Training/meeting	
Thursday	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Tutor KS4 Lunch KS3	Break	Lunch KS4 Tutor KS3	Period 4	Period 5	KS5 twilight lessons	
Friday	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Tutor KS4 Lunch KS3	Break	Lunch KS4 Tutor KS3	Period 4	Period 5	Staff Training/meeting	