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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Consultation: Changing the School Day from September 2020**

We are writing to you as part of the consultation process on our proposal to change the school day from September 2020 onwards. The changes and the rationale for change are set out below. We would like to take on board your views before putting in place any changes for the new academic year.

To summarise, our proposal seeks to lengthen the school day by 20 minutes per day by moving close of school from 14:35 to 14:55. Please note however, that in response to Government Guidance on the re-opening of school, a staggered start and end time is being considered in the first instance. Further details of this will be forwarded before the end of the week.

#### **Rationale for Change**

- To create an additional 30 minutes teaching time per day that will be dedicated to three additional reading sessions, one PSHE session and one assembly per week.

Our aim is to support students to reach their chronological reading age or better, enabling them to successfully access all areas of the curriculum. The proposed model enables reciprocal reading to be successfully implemented, supporting the highly impactful Opportunity Area Reading Project to raise standards as students will have more time dedicated to the teaching of reading.

In addition, we recognise that the closure of school due to COVID 19 is likely to have impacted negatively on our students' mental health and wellbeing. The proposed model strengthens both the role of the Form Tutor and the pastoral support systems. Morning registration with Form Tutors will be solely for pastoral time. In addition, Form Tutors will deliver the new PSHE curriculum to give consistency and support the mental health strategy.



### The Proposed New Timings

Activity	Monday	Friday
	Start Time	End Time
Registration	08:30	08:40
Lesson 1	08:40	09:40
Lesson 2	09:40	10:40
Break	10:40	10:55
Lesson 3	10:55	11:55
Lesson 4	11:55	12:55
Lunch	12:55	13:25
Reading / PSHE / Assembly	13:25	13:55
Lesson 5	13:55	14:55

### Consultation Arrangements

Alongside this consultation with parents and carers, there will also be consultation with all staff members and Governors. Please forward your views to [ParentConsultation@ssa.bfet.uk](mailto:ParentConsultation@ssa.bfet.uk) by 12 noon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July when the consultation ends. We will then consider all comments and will inform stakeholders of the outcome.

Yours sincerely

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