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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Washington Academy. We are looking to extend the school day by an additional 15 minutes, to meet the Department of Education's new minimum expectation of a 32.5-hour school week. If approved, these changes will come into effect from 1st September 2024.

We believe that these adjustments will bring about benefits to the school community and have a positive impact on your child's education. The additional 15 minutes will be used to increase lunchtime in order to support our students accessing more of the excellent extracurricular activities we have on offer. Data analysis shows after-school clubs have low attendance and so we aim to encourage students to attend more clubs by offering them at lunch time. This will also support any academic intervention your child may need to support with their progress, including reading interventions as well as subject specific interventions. It supports our students accessing the library and promoting a genuine love of reading.

The proposed school day schedule is as follows:

| Activity | Time | Duration |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| AM-PD Form Time | 08:30 am | 30 mins |
| Period 1 | 09:00 am | 60 mins |
| Period 2 | 10:00 am | 60 mins |
| Break | 11:00 am | 15 mins |
| Period 3 | 11.15 am | 60 mins |
| Lunch | 12:15 pm | 45 mins |
| Period 4 | 1.00 pm | 60 mins |
| Period 5 | 2.00pm | 60mins |
| End of Day | 3.00 pm | |

We trust that these alterations will contribute positively to your child's educational journey and academic progress. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries or require further information regarding these proposed changes.

We also appreciate that these changes may impact wider family life. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sharing with us via this feedback form [Change to the School Day - Parent/Carer feedback form](#). Please complete this form by 4pm on Wednesday 10th of July 2024

We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 12th July and will email you the outcome. This will also be placed on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

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