

28th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to the timings of the School Day to come into effect on 4th September 2017

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, Abertillery Learning Community's Governing Body has undertaken a consultation exercise in relation to proposed changes to the school day in order to maximise opportunities for learners and staff to work together more effectively across the Campuses.

The consultation period closed on 17th March 2017 and the Governing Body received six responses predominantly relating to the following areas:

- Childcare and in particular breakfast club and after school provision
- Traffic and parking issues
- The impact on the child's education

In response to the issues raised the Governing Body and the Leadership Team are progressing the following actions:

Childcare

- Discussions are taking place with the breakfast club provider to look at adjustments to breakfast club times with a proposal to run breakfast clubs from 7.50am to 8.50am from which point the children will be supervised by school staff prior to school commencing at 9am
- In terms of after school provision, I am exploring options with the Council's Childcare Business Development Officer who will facilitate a feasibility study for after school provision. A questionnaire on this topic will be issued shortly to all parents and carers and I would encourage you to participate by completing and returning the questionnaire to your Campus.


Traffic and Parking Issues

- There have been a number of issues raised in relation to traffic and parking across the Campuses. Risk assessments are being undertaken and relevant actions are being implemented. Again I would request your support in working with us to ensure the safety of the learners across all Campuses.

Impact on Education

- The key differences in the current school day across the Campuses related to inconsistencies in break and lunch times and the length of assemblies etc. The actual impact on direct contact and teaching and learning is minimal and the school day is clearly within the statutory guidance detailed in the consultation letter.

Having considered all of these facts and with clear reference to the benefits associated with a standardised school day across the Primary Campuses the Governing Body has agreed to proceed with the proposed changes detailed below with effect from 4th September 2017. Please note the school day will remain the same on the Secondary Campus.

 Abertillery Learning Community School Day with effect from 4th September 2017			
Primary Campus	Start	Lunch	Finish
Nursery AM	9.00am		11.30am
Nursery PM	12.30pm		3.00pm
Foundation Phase	9.00am	12.00pm - 1.00pm	3.00pm
KS2	9.00am	12.15pm - 1.00pm	3.00pm
Secondary Campus	Start	Lunch	Finish
Secondary	8.45am	1.00pm - 1.30 pm	2.50pm

The Governing Body and the Leadership Team will continue to work with parents, carers and wider stakeholders to ensure that the changes are implemented smoothly for the benefit of our learners and I will provide you with updates in relation to our review of issues such as after school provision during the summer term. If you have any queries in relation to this letter please do not hesitate to speak to your Head of Campus.



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