

# BISHOP



# RAMSEY

Church of England School  
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Proposal to change the length of the school day**

The government has stipulated that all Secondary School students must be in school for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week from September 2023. Our school day was adapted during Covid which has resulted in it being slightly shorter than required. As such I am sending you the proposed changes to the school day.

The school day returns to a pre-pandemic pattern of providing movement time in between lessons to ensure a clear, prompt start time and a marked finish time to lessons, with time in between to travel. This approach maximises the full hour of lesson time as a learning opportunity and enables a calm transition between lessons.

Mustering the students in Year Groups has proven to be effective as Form Tutors and the Year Director are able to welcome and catch up with students before they go into their days and can pick up any issues early on. Muster also provides the opportunity to pause after arriving at school, with dedicated time and space for whole Year Group reflection. This is something we want to maintain. Having a finish time which enables the rich and varied extra curricular clubs and opportunities to continue has also been a high priority when establishing the school day.

Finally, the alternate Friday staff professional development time is highly valued, enabling a collaborative approach to consider how we implement research and best practice around our key priorities as a school. I believe that the structure of the school day, the elements we have kept, and changes made, will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education.

I appreciate that these changes may impact on your current arrangements. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give feedback using the form below. The deadline for this is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

[Microsoft Forms](#)

Alternatively, you may raise any feedback at the next Parent Engagement Group meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Proposed timing of the school day Monday – Thursday Week A and Monday – Friday Week B**

Muster and Registration	8.30am - 8.55am
Period 1	9.00am - 10.00am
Period 2	10.05am - 11.20am
Period 3	11.25am - 12.25pm
Period 4 (including lunch)	12.30pm - 2.00pm
Period 5	2.05pm - 3.05pm

**Proposed timing of the school day Friday Week A**

Muster and Registration	8.30am - 8.40am
Period 1	8.45am - 9.45am
Period 2	9.50am - 11.05am
Period 3	11.10am - 12.10pm
Period 4 (including lunch)	12.15pm - 1.45pm
Period 5	1.50pm - 2.50pm

Should the changes be approved, they will come into effect from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. We will release the results of the consultation and the decision that has been made in January.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs K Lovewell**  
**Assistant Headteacher**