



# THE BRUNTS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to let you know about some proposed changes to the school day schedule that we are considering implementing. This is part of our ongoing evaluation of the academy improvement strategy.

One of the proposals is to start the school day at 8:30am instead of the current start time of 8:25am. This adjustment would allow students to have a bit more time in the morning to prepare for the day ahead. Research has shown that a later start time can have a positive impact on students' overall well-being and academic performance. Other additional benefits include:

- Allowing more time for students to travel to school for a prompt start to lessons
- Providing greater flexibility for parents/carers childcare arrangements
- Ability to run a more comprehensive breakfast club offer
- Ability to introduce morning briefings and professional development opportunities for staff
- Providing greater consistency for staff members childcare arrangements

The school day would finish at 3:00 pm. This would provide students with more instructional time and allow for a more balanced and comprehensive curriculum.

Furthermore, we are looking to implementing a single lunch time for all students. Currently, lunch breaks are staggered, which can lead to logistical challenges and limited opportunities for social interaction. A single lunch time would promote a more inclusive and cohesive school community because it would:

- Improve the capacity for student supervision
- Give the ability to offer enrichment and academic intervention sessions for students
- Improve the climate for learning since lessons aren't taking place during unstructured time

Moving to a single break has proven to be very successful. The benefits of this have enabled much greater supervision of students during this unstructured time period and created a calmer climate for learning given lessons are not taking place whilst other students are on break.

As part of the next steps, we are working on plans to expand our lunch servery and restaurant space to provide more indoor seating for students and a more efficient service. Furthermore, we are looking at outdoor covered space options that provide additional capacity for seating. The inclusion

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of a broad enrichment and intervention offer will also provide many of our students with opportunities to participate in activities during lunch time too.

Before finalising these proposals, we want to ensure that the opinions of parents and carers are taken into account. Therefore, we are opening up a consultation period to gather your feedback and input. We value your perspective and want to make informed decisions that benefit all students.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation please share any initial thoughts, feedback or suggestions using the following Microsoft Forms link. <https://forms.office.com/e/MDdvCJPyQ0>

During the consultation period, we encourage you to share your thoughts, questions, and suggestions with us. Your feedback will be carefully considered as we move forward with these proposed changes. We will provide more information on how to participate in the consultation process in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. We believe that these proposed changes will enhance the educational experience for our students and create a more conducive learning environment. We look forward to hearing your input and working together to make our school even better.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Sutcliffe', written in a cursive style.

R Sutcliffe  
Principal