



THE BRUNTS ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support.

I hope you and your families are well. The team and I are looking forward to seeing some of you at our next session with senior colleagues on the 5th February as we continue to collaborate on our academy improvement priorities. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Thank you also to parents/carers who have supported your children at the recent year 10, 11 and 13 progress events. Studies demonstrate children achieve higher when engagement of parents/carers at school events is strong.

Changes to academy school day

As the team and I at Brunts continue to analyse the structures and processes here at school, my aim is to further improve communication of our findings and what our intended strategies for improvement are.

One of the significant situations we are currently trying to enhance are students unstructured times during break and lunch. You will be aware our site is vast and open, so it is vital we provide a safe but engaging environment for all children. To achieve this, we need adequate numbers of staff to supervise and run activities. The current split break and lunch does not allow us to do this as well as I would like.

After half term, I am going to be introducing a single break period where all students will share this unstructured time together. I have worked with our catering team to provide more serving points to create a natural spread of the additional volume of people. I am also going to introduce a function where food can be pre-selected, reserved and collected from a separate collection point, creating a more rapid service and a reduction in queuing times. This

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adjustment will give me access to the entire staff team for supervision and to run activities for students to participate in.

This will be a trial period initially to help us measure the impact of moving to a single break. If the adjustments prove to be successful, we will then look to implement a single lunch period, likely to be a change for September 2024. Throughout the trial period we will be taking student and staff voice to get a clear understanding of the impact of this change of them, and I will endeavour to share that with you towards the end of next half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R Sutcliffe'.

Rachel Sutcliffe
Principal