

Chace Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Since September 2016, we have increased the number of students on roll at Chace in Year 7 and this will continue for the next 4 years meaning we will have 224 students in each year group by September 2020. This has an impact on movement around the school and especially trying to get so many students through the lunch queue and fed within 40 minutes.

To this end, we have had a number of meetings with staff and governors looking at ways in which we can cope with additional students and to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

One suggestion that has been put forward and agreed by Governors is to change the structure of the school day. This is an approach that has been adopted in a number of other schools to good effect.

The idea is to stagger the lunch period to reduce the number of students queuing for lunch and to have fewer students at lunch at the same time. It is also felt amongst staff that the role of the tutor is an important role and we would benefit from bringing back the afternoon registration session to allow more contact time between students and the tutor. Students would continue to receive the same amount of time in lessons as they currently do and lessons would continue to be 50 minutes in length.

The school has a programme of extra-curricular activities, both at lunchtime and after school, and I would not wish to lessen these opportunities for our young people in any way. Indeed, we would want to increase and widen access to such opportunities.

Consequently, students would continue to start school at 8.40am however will finish 10 minutes later at 3.10pm.

Discussions would also be held with TfL about the timings of the school day and the bus timetable which many of our students use on the corner of Lancaster Road to ensure that students are able to leave the area before Enfield County finish their school day.



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The new timings of the school day that will start from September 2017 are as follows:

	Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 5	Key Stage 4
8.40am - 8.50am	Registration	Registration
8.50am - 9.40am	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9.40am - 10.30am	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10.30am - 10.50am	Break	Break
10.50am - 11.40am	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11.40am - 12.30pm	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12.30pm - 12.50pm	Lunch	Registration & Assemblies
12.50pm - 1.10pm		Lunch
1.10pm - 1.30pm	Registration & Assemblies	
1.30pm - 2.20pm	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
2.20pm - 3.10pm	Lesson 6	Lesson 6

If you would like to let us know your views, you can either write to me in school or e-mail me at info@chace.enfield.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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