

June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Earlier this month we wrote to you in regards to a consultation surrounding the proposal to shorten the school day on a Thursday with effect from the start of the Autumn Term in September 2019. As part of the process, we invited responses to this proposal from parents and carers. Further to this, a consultation meeting was held at the School on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to address the initial parental concerns that arose and to invite further views, in order to better inform our decision in respect of this proposal. All points that were raised by parents/carers have been taken into consideration and form a key part of the decision making process.

As a result of the consultation, it has been decided that we will proceed with the proposal to shorten the school day on Thursdays. The Tandridge Learning Trust Board have stipulated that this new arrangement will initially be for a period of one year and will be subject to review in the first summer half term of 2020. Parental, staff and student feedback will be sought as part of this mid-term review in order to gauge the success of the change and to address any issues, unforeseen or otherwise, that may arise.

From September 2019 the Thursday school day will therefore be re-organised as follows:

- Key Stage 3 and 4 students will finish at 2.05pm rather than 3.10pm.
- Key Stage 5 students will remain on site until 3.10pm to undertake their Lesson 10 weekly assessment.
- Lunch will begin at the earlier time of 12.15pm (at the end of period 3) rather than at the end of period 4.

The School will continue to offer the current wide range of extra-curricular activities through a combination of lunchtime and after-school sessions. The intention is to move all after-school clubs and activities that currently run on a Wednesday (when staff training takes place), to a Thursday from the start of the new Autumn Term. Provision will thus be the same.

The Learning Resource Centre will be open at 2.05pm on Thursdays to allow those students who wish to or need to remain after school to spend time there to undertake homework or revision as appropriate.

One unavoidable consequence of the early closure relates to the immediate availability of after-school buses. We have contacted the bus companies but have been informed that as they operate on a set public weekly timetable, they cannot amend bus times for one day only. As a result, bus routes 409 and 685 will continue to arrive at Warlingham School at 3.10pm on Thursdays. Alternative bus times for those who do not wish to wait in the LRC are below:

- Selsdon bound - Alternative buses depart from Warlingham Green at 13 and 43 minutes past the hour
- Caterham bound - Alternative buses depart from Warlingham Green at 7 and 37 minutes past the hour.

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Students can therefore either board a connecting bus from Hamsey Green to Warlingham Green using their Oyster cards or undertake the walk from Hamsey Green to Warlingham Green (approximately a 750-metre walk from Hamsey Green pond) should they not wish to wait until 3.10pm for the 409 or 685 services that stop outside the School.

Thank you for your engagement in this consultation process. Your feedback has been invaluable and I would like to assure you that the School will continue to focus relentlessly on providing educational excellence for all our young people and continue to provide a broad and enriching curriculum.

If you have any further queries surrounding the impacts of the change, please contact the School at [info@warlingschool.co.uk](mailto:info@warlingschool.co.uk)

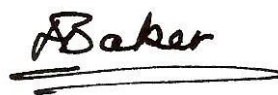
Yours sincerely,



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