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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Consultation outcome regarding the decision to continue with the Thursday shortened day.

During the current academic year we have been piloting a shortened day on a Thursday. We wanted to gather views and opinions on the overall success of this decision and decide whether we continue to operate in this way. In February, we undertook a full stakeholder consultation with regards to this change. As part of the process, we invited responses to the proposal from parents and carers, staff and students. Further to this, a parental consultation forum was held at the school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February to address any concerns that had arisen from the decision thus far and to invite further views with regard to continuing with the format or not. All points that were raised have been taken into consideration and formed a key part of the decision-making process.

As a result of the consultation it has been decided that we will continue with the model of a shortened school day for the next academic year, 2020-21. Overall, the feedback was positive but it was difficult to have a conclusive view on all aspects of this decision after such a short space of time. We therefore decided it was sensible to extend this way of working for one further year and the decision will be reviewed once again in the spring term of 2021. Parental, staff and student feedback will again be sought at that time to gauge the success and impact of the change and to address any issues, unforeseen or otherwise that have arisen.

From September 2020 the Thursday school day will therefore continue to be organised as follows:

- Key Stage 3 and 4 students will finish at 2.05 pm rather than 3.10pm.
- Key Stage 5 students would remain on site to undertake their Lesson 10 weekly assessment.
- Lunch will begin earlier – 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 and to run sports clubs after school in the same manner as occurs on a Wednesday when staff training takes place.

The Learning Resource Centre will be open at the end of the school day to accommodate those students who wish or need to remain on site after school. Students are able to undertake homework, revise or study as appropriate. This will be staffed in a similar manner to how the centre currently operates after school.

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One unavoidable consequence of the early closure continues to surround the after-school buses. We have again contacted the bus companies but have been informed that as they operate on a set public weekly timetable, they cannot amend times for one day only. As a result, the diverted school buses will continue to arrive at school at 3.10 on a Thursday.

Alternative buses go from Warlingham Green to Selsdon at 13 and 43 minutes past the hour and buses go from Warlingham Green to Caterham at 7 and 37 minutes past the hour. Students can therefore either board a connecting bus from Hamsey Green to Warlingham Green 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 for the school bus.

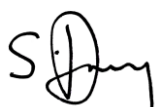
Thank you for both your support with the current arrangement and your engagement in this consultation process. Your feedback has once again proven invaluable and we would like to assure you that the school will continue to focus relentlessly on providing educational excellence for all our young people 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)

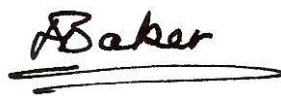
Yours sincerely



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