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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this letter finds you well, and rested, after the half-term break and Jubilee celebrations. There has certainly been a lot going on.

As communicated previously on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, in order to enhance our lunch-time provision within the school we have made the decision to move to one lunch time. The trial was very successful and, equally, allowed us to test out what it would look like. Therefore, we intend to move to one lunch (with slightly reduced timings to September as there will be fewer students on site because of study leave and exams) as of the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Also, as previously communicated, we proposed to change the school day to align with the government's plans for all schools to offer 32.5 hours per week. With this in mind, as of September the school day will change. We will start at, and expect all students on site by, 8:25am. Students will finish school at 15:00pm.

We have been working with Durham County Council officers regarding travel at the start and end of the school day. While they expect some changes to bus service timetables in the area this summer, we are confident that our proposed start and end times will work as well as possible with the key bus routes used by our students, especially in the morning, so they can be at school on time.

Plans are well underway for the significant developments that will be taking place to the school site during the summer holiday.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Dr J Gorlach  
**Deputy CEO**

Mr D Stewart  
**Head of School**