



## Road Safety Awareness

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Do not park on restricted areas on Talbot Avenue or Lidgett Lane  
Be respectful of our local residents  
Please use the turning circle paying attention to the speed limit  
Obey speeding restrictions; they are there to protect our children  
Look after the environment and switch off your engine, when stationary,  
**for cleaner air!**

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Changing the timings of the School Day from September 2023 – Community Consultation

As part of this year's School Development Plan the leadership and governing body at Allerton Grange are committed to reviewing the structure of the school day. There are three reasons for the review:

1. Mainly due to COVID, but significantly due to the lack of flexibility in our current timetable structure, we have still not successfully implemented the curriculum review we started in 2020. We need to find additional curriculum time for Classics in Years 8 and 9 and additional time for computing in Year 7.
2. Currently, approximately 40% of students regularly attend our after-school enrichment offer. We need to find a way of ensuring all students benefit from stimulating enrichment activities. By extending the school day this will provide additional curriculum time.
3. Educational research on cognitive science recommends a learning model, which supports smaller and more frequent chunks of learning. This proposed model changes the daily structure from five x 55 minute lessons to six x 50 minute lessons.

Since July 2022, senior leaders have been formulating a proposal to share with our community as part of a consultation exercise. In developing the proposal, there have been a number of considerations:

- a) Does the proposal address the reasons set out at the beginning of this letter?
  - Curriculum review completion.
  - Enrichment activities.
  - Effective learning.
- b) Can the proposal be implemented without any additional costs?
- c) Is the proposal workable for Allerton Grange staff with childcare commitments?
- d) Is the proposal workable for families needing to drop-off younger children at local primary schools?
- e) Is the proposal workable for pupils who travel independently and rely on public transport?
- f) Does the proposal enable for greater curriculum innovation and flexibility, particularly for our Sixth Form programme?



## The Proposal

PROPOSAL from Sept. 2023		
08:30	Start of the day	
08:30	Registration	
09:10	Period 1	
10:00	Period 2 and break time	
11:10	Period 3	
12:00	Period 4 and lunchtime	
13:20	Period 5	
14:10	Period 6	
15:00	End of the day	
<b>Student working week:</b>		
<b>daily</b>	390 mins per day	6hrs 30min
<b>weekly</b>	1950 mins per week	32 hrs 30min

The main factors to consider are:

1. The school day will start 20 minutes earlier, every day, at 08.30 am.
2. We will move to a 6 period school day, with each lesson lasting 50 minutes.
3. Break time and lunchtime will remain as they are.
4. The school day will end at the same time as it currently does. The enrichment calendar for after-school activities will continue.

### Next steps

1. Today, 3rd January 2023, starts a two-week consultation period with our families. Feedback regarding the proposal should be forwarded to [agadmin@allertongrange.com](mailto:agadmin@allertongrange.com) by Monday 16 January 2023.
2. This feedback will be presented to SLT and governors.
3. SLT and governors will reflect on your feedback and amend the proposal as necessary.
4. A final decision will be taken by AGS Governing Body on 24 January 2023, and shared with all stakeholders.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher