Change to timings of the school day   11th May 2023

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you to inform you of an important change to the timings of the school day from September 2023. During the Covid pandemic, the Department for Education announced that from September 2023 the minimum amount of time that a student spends in school each week, including breaks and lunchtime, should be at least 32.5 hours. At present, the MHS week is shorter than the new expected minimum by over two hours.

Whilst we do not agree that up to now MHS students have been disadvantaged by the current school timings, a fact supported by the very strong academic outcomes achieved by students in the summer of 2022, we support the move to a longer school week. On the rear of this letter is a diagram showing the new timings of the school day. The key differences are as follows:

	Current timings	From September 2023
Start time **(Tues-Fri)**	8.35am	8.30am
End time **(Tues-Fri)**	2.50pm	3.10pm
End of the shorter after-school sanction **(Tues-Fri)**	3.20pm	3.30pm
End of the longer after-school sanction **(Tues-Fri)**	3.50pm	3.50pm
Start time **(Monday)**	8.35am	8.30am
Student end time **(Monday)**	2.00pm	2.25pm
End of the shorter after-school sanction **(Monday)**	2.30pm	2.45pm
End of the longer after-school sanction **(Monday)**	3.00pm	3.05pm

Other changes include:

- Whilst the majority of lessons will remain at 60 minutes in length, 8 lessons per week will extend to 65 minutes
- There will no longer be any 50 minute lessons, and instead the shortest lessons (on a Monday) will now be 55 minutes.
- The timings of Tues-Fri will be uniform, which is simpler than the current model where Thursday has different timings within the school day.
- Lunchtime will be 5 minutes longer per day
- Overall, students will spend 15 minutes more with their form tutor per week, and 90 minutes more in lessons per week.
- We are keeping an earlier finish for students on a Monday in order to facilitate extra training for staff each week. This extra training has been instrumental in improving standards at our school over the past four years which is why we are keeping it.
- Bus companies have been informed and we will communicate new bus information when we receive it.

The change of the school day timings has been approved by the Governing body and will come into effect from September 2023.

Any questions or concerns about the changes can be emailed to SchoolDay@marplehall.stockport.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Joe Barker
Headteacher
Marple Hall School

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MHS School Day Timings September 2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
KS3	KS4	KS3	KS4	KS3	KS4	KS3	KS4	KS3	KS4
Form Time 15min 8:30am - 8:45am		Form Time 25min 8:30am - 8:55am		Form Time 25min 8:30am - 8:55am		Form Time 25min 8:30am - 8:55am		Form Time 25min 8:30am - 8:55am	
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		P3 [60] 11:20am - 12:20pm		P3 [60] 11:20am - 12:20pm		P3 [60] 11:20am - 12:20pm		P3 [60] 11:20am - 12:20pm	
Lunch [45mins] 11:50am - 12:35pm	P4 (55) 11:50am - 12:45pm	Lunch [45mins] 12:20pm - 13:05pm	P4 (60) 12:20pm - 13:20pm	Lunch [45mins] 12:20pm - 13:05pm	P4 (60) 12:20pm - 13:20pm	Lunch [45mins] 12:20pm - 13:05pm	P4 (60) 12:20pm - 13:20pm	Lunch [45mins] 12:20pm - 13:05pm	P4 (60) 12:20pm - 13:20pm
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P5 (55) 13:30pm - 14:25pm		P5 [65] 14:05pm - 15:10pm		P5 [65] 14:05pm - 15:10pm		P5 [65] 14:05pm - 15:10pm		P5 [65] 14:05pm - 15:10pm	
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