

19 July 2019

Ref: SDT/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: School day timings academic year 2019-20

Following a successful consultation with parents and stakeholders, the Community School's Trust has made the decision to trial new timings for the school day for a one year period from September 2019 to August 2020. We will review the effectiveness of this change during the year before making a decision as to whether the change will be a permanent one.

The success of our students depends in large part on our ability to be able to successfully recruit and retain the best teachers. This change to the school day will help The Cumberland School to do this, at a time when recruitment within the profession is at its most difficult. Friday afternoon is also the time that both students and staff know to be the least effective in terms of formal learning, as students and teachers are at their most tired. The new school day will run as follows:

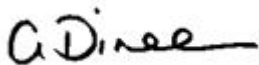
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
8.35am-9.25am	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9.25am-10.15am	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10.15am-10.35am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10.35am-11.25am	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11:25am-12.15pm	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12.15pm-1.00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	12.15pm End of lessons for students Optional supervised extra curricula sessions for students ends at 2.40pm
1.00pm-1.50pm	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	
1.50pm-2.40pm	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	
2.40pm-3.30pm	Lesson 7	Lesson 7	Form time Assembly Yr 11 PE	Form time Assembly Yr 11 PE	

This change to the school day timings allows us to offer a range of interesting extracurricular activities for Friday afternoons which students can attend. Students can also choose to remain in school to do private study, homework and independent research. Computer facilities will be available. This supports parents, as students can choose to stay within school to do activities until 2.40pm. A reduced meal offer will also be available at lunchtime.

The proposed timetable of varied activities for Friday afternoon is currently being finalised and will be shared with you and the students. All of the details will be placed on our website.

Thank you for your continued support of The Cumberland School.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Dineen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Gillian Dineen
Headteacher