

June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Letter – School Day 2023/2024

We would like to share with you an update on our timing of the school day consultation so that you and your child(ren) can plan ahead for the academic year of 23/24 and beyond. Thank you for the feedback shared; we have had an overwhelming number of responses which allowed us to make informed decisions. We gathered feedback from students, parents/carers, the catering team and staff to better understand how we could make and support improvements at Whitcliffe Mount School for everyone. It is acknowledged that break time is busy, and students are rushing to get food and go to the toilet. We would like to broaden the kitchen server offer to make it easier and quicker for students to get food. As a result we have lengthened breaktime and increased food options. We will also be introducing 3 minutes of movement time between lessons; this will allow students to swiftly move to lessons without being late to lesson and also use the toilet if required. We have slightly extended and reconfigured form-time so that we can use this time more effectively next year and we will re-name it "Personal Development" on student's timetables.

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| 8.00am | School open to students |
| 8.30am - 8.35am | 5 min movement |
| 8.35am – 9.05am (30 minutes) | Personal Development* |
| 9.05am – 10.05am | Period 1* |
| 10.05am – 11.05am | Period 2* |
| 11.05am – 11.25am | Break |
| 11.25am – 11.30am | 5 minute movement time |
| 11.30am – 12.30pm | Period 3* |
| 12.30pm – 1.00pm | Lunch 1 – Y7/10/11 (plus 5 min movement at 12.55pm) |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm | Period 4 – Y8/9* |
| 1.30pm – 2pm | Lunch 2 – Y8/9 (plus 5 min movement at 1.55pm) |
| 1pm – 2pm | Period 4 – Y7/10/11* |
| 2pm – 3pm | Period 5 |

*A warning bell will ring 3 minutes before the end of each lesson. Students then have 3 minutes to get to their next lesson before the bell will ring again to signify the start of the next lesson.



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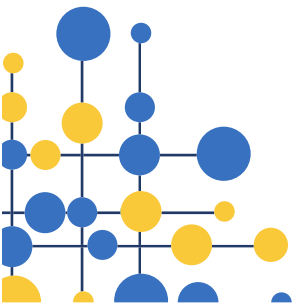
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We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you there will be a slight increase to lunchtime meal costs from September. We have been informed by Kirklees Council they have increased the student meal deal by 15p, resulting in a £2.70 charge. We will share any further updates with you once we know if there are increases to single items.

We invite you to read our half termly newsletter, The Whitcliffian, which is out this week too. Click here to see what we have been celebrating this half term - [THE WHITCLIFFIAN May 2023 | Celebrating Success Issue 2 \(office.com\)](#)

Further communication to Year 9 parents will be received week beginning the 5th June, to confirm your child's option choices. The Year 10 mock exam letter is also going out today informing parents of this proposed timetable.

Thank you again for your support in advance of the new academic year of 2023/24. We hope you had a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Bland'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Katie Bland
Deputy Headteacher