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Change to the end of the school day from Sept 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that from September 2021 the end of the day at Kingsmeadow School will change from 2:45pm to 3:15pm each day other than Tuesday where it will change to 2:25pm.

During the pandemic the structure of the school day was changed as part of our recovery planning to enable a split lunchtime for 'bubbles' and to support students through an extra 30 minutes tutor slot mirroring lunchtime. We were able to do this as the government temporarily relaxed the Education Act 2012 allowing a shortening of some lesson times and a reduction in the morning break, thus creating the extra time, without changing the school start or finish times. We have found that students have benefitted hugely from the reduced queuing times and quieter canteen that the split lunchtime gives, as well as from the extra tutor support time during the day.

From September the expectation is that schools must return to full lesson times, so to enable this successful structure to be maintained, we will be lengthening the school day by 30 mins.

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri				Tuesday			
	Yr 9,10,11	Yr 7,8			Yr 9,10,11	Yr 7,8	
08:45	Pd 1	Pd 1	60		08:45	Pd 1	50
09:45	Pd 2	Pd 2	60		09:35	Pd 2	50
10:45	Break	Tutor	15		10:25	Break	15
11:00	Tutor	Break	15		10:40	Tutor	15
11:15	Pd 3	Pd 3	60		10:55	Pd 3	50
12:15	Lunch	Ext Tutor	30		11:45	Lunch	30
12:45	Ext Tutor	Lunch	30		12:15	Ext Tutor	30
01:15	Pd 4	Pd 4	60		12:45	Pd 4	50
02:15	Pd 5	Pd 5	60		01:35	Pd 5	50
03:15	Finish	Finish			02:25	Finish	

The changes will result in a 3:15pm finish instead of the current 2:45pm each day other than on a Tuesday, where there will be an earlier finish of 2:25pm, instead of the current 1:55pm. School bus times will be adjusted accordingly. The start of the school day will not be affected.

The time on Tuesday afternoons will continue to be used for staff training to support school improvements, as well as student intervention and support.

We have worked closely with Dunston Hill Primary School, which is on the same site, to coordinate the start and finish of the day from September and both myself and Mr Sutherland, Headteacher at Dunston Hill Primary School, are confident that this will not impact on the running of either school.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Volpe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Domenic Volpe
Headteacher