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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I hope you're all keeping well and that your child is enjoying the new school term.

I wanted to get in touch regarding some minor changes being proposed to the school day, which you are welcome to feedback on, should you wish.

We currently have an academy school day that commences at 8.20am daily and finishes at 3.00pm on Monday to Thursday and at 2.50pm on Friday. The number of lessons per day also varies across the week. On Monday we have 6 x 50-minute lessons and on Tuesday to Friday we have 5 x 60-minute lessons.

We propose the following minor changes to take place from September 2022 in order to provide more consistent and impactful learning provision across the week.

- The Monday to Friday daily morning 'Line Up' currently commencing at 8.20am will change to a 8.30am daily 'Line Up'
- The current Friday 2.50pm academy finish will change to a 3pm academy finish
- The current 6 x 50-minute lessons on Mondays will change to 5 x 60-minute lessons on Mondays

We are choosing to make these changes for a couple of reasons. First of all, we think it would be easier for all days to have the same start and finish times, with every day containing the same number of lessons. This will ensure that each lesson is the same length, making timetabling easier. In addition, there will be more learning time in the classroom and less learning time lost on transitioning between lessons.

Current school bus provision will not change for either morning drop off of afternoon collection and students will still be able to arrive onto the academy site from 8am.

Should you wish to respond to these proposed changes, we would very much like to hear from you. Parents and carers can get in touch via our academy inbox OPAinfo@ormistonpark.org.uk. Meanwhile, students will be able to share their thoughts with teachers during assemblies and tutor time, but are similarly welcome to get in touch via the inbox.





As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the academy and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Kind regards,

Mark Roessler Principal

Ormiston Park Academy