

28th June 2019



Le Rocquier School

Dear Parent/Carer

New School Day Structure

I am almost at the end of my first year as Head Teacher here at Le Rocquier School and, despite the challenges this academic year has seen all schools face, I've relished every minute of it and I'm so proud of all our student and staff achievements. Our Facebook page is constantly alive with new successes and experiences to share with our community.

Part of my remit for the first few years is to review our core functions, processes and procedures to ensure they are suitable for a school in 2019 and the next 10 years. Part of this review process has been our curriculum offer and our school day. Our curriculum offer is good and only needs tweaks here and there. It's possible to offer a broad, balanced and inclusive education for all our students and we have the option to alter timetables for students who can benefit from an adapted curriculum. In reviewing our school day, we looked at many aspects, but what stood out significantly is how much time students spend moving from lesson to lesson and the number of lessons in a week. If we include all the pastoral time, it's 40 lessons a week. This generates significant amounts of time when students are moving around the school instead of seated calmly in classes learning.

In order to reduce the movement time and provide subjects with curriculum time to meet the new GCSE specifications, we will move to a new school day in September. There will be 5 lessons a day, a tutor time, a 30 minute break and a 30 minute lunch. Lunch remains split by year groups to ensure all students can access the canteen easily. This reduces the number of movements by 25% a week, which can now be used for learning in class.

School Day Timings		
Y7 & Y11	Y8-10	
P1	8.30 - 9.30	P1
P2	9.30 - 10.35	P2
Break	10.35 - 11.05 (30 mins)	Break
P3	11.05 - 12.05	P3
P4	12.05 - 1.10	P4
Lunch	1.10 - 1.40 (30 mins)	Form
	Bell at 1.35	
Form	1.40 - 2.00 (20 mins)	Lunch
	Bell at 2.00	
P5	2.05 - 3.05	P5

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The points to note are the slightly altered start and finish times. We will now start teaching at 8.30 sharp and finish school at 3.05pm. The number of late students is below 10 a day for the whole school and the School Bus Service arrives no later than 8.15am each day so Period 1 should start like any other lesson in the day. Class teachers in Period 1 will take the register for the day.

Period 2 may look like 1hour and 5 minutes, but it takes in to account the need for students to move from class to class meaning learning time in all lessons will be 1 hour long. This is a feature of other parts of the day.

We intend that the new school day will feel far less busy for the students and will provide improved learning opportunities. The reduced movement time and consistent lesson times will give students and staff a pleasant learning routine.

We will trial our new day structure from September and if you would like to discuss the new school day, please contact me at school.

We will be in touch again shortly to explain our rewards and merits system for September. I am keen that we have a strong focus on celebrating the many hourly and daily student successes we have across the school via our house system. More on this to follow.

Best wishes

Andrew Adkin
Head Teacher