



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



Executive Headteacher: **Mrs H Frost-Briggs BA (Hons)**
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11 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you this afternoon to let you know of a necessity to change the timings of our school day. Parents and carers may be aware that the position from the DfE is for the minimum core school week to be 32.5 hours as statutory from September 2024. Here at Ripley Academy, we are currently short of this requirement by 10 minutes per day and therefore are required to enter into a consultation period with all major stakeholders to make a change for September 2024.

My proposal is to extend the school day by 10 minutes, meaning school would finish at 3:10pm. This would give us the opportunity to respond to a point the students raised in The Big Ask when they voiced that they were unavoidably late to period 2 and period 4 due to no movement time between lessons and not having enough time to go to the toilet. I propose to use the 10 minutes to introduce movement time in between the lessons which fall back-to-back. In this time, students would be allowed to visit the toilet, fill up water bottles and walk to their next classroom and still be on time for a full hour's lesson.

8:40-9:00am	Tutor time
9am-10:00am	Period 1
10am-10:05am	Movement time
10:05-11:05am	Period 2
11:05-11:25am	BREAK
11:25-12:25pm	Period 3
12:25-12:30pm	Movement time
12:30-1:30pm	Period 4
1:30-2:10pm	LUNCH
2:10-3:10pm	Period 5

I appreciate that some families have routines in place involving childcare of younger siblings and primary pick-ups, hence why I wanted to give you some notice on the change, which will not be implemented until September.

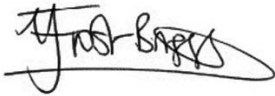


This is at proposal stage at the moment and I welcome you to use the link below if you did want to raise any thoughts on the matter to my attention. I will leave this survey open for one week and will close it Tuesday 17th June at 3pm and will respond to parents and carers thereafter.

<https://forms.office.com/e/s52aTs79r5>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Frost-Briggs', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Mrs Helen Frost-Briggs

Executive Head Teacher

John Flamsteed Community School and The Ripley Academy