

Monday 8th June



Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you and your family are well. Among the planning that is going on for the school's post -covid recovery which I have written to you about separately, I am very keen to press on with the changes to the timetable required to make the school the very best place to learn in Hackney. These will obviously be adapted to accommodate requirements for social distancing as determined by government guidance.

My priorities for the coming year are:

- 100% of lessons are good or better with no time wasted this includes any online lessons
- 100% of pupils make expected progress or better
- 100% of interactions are polite, compliant and in line with our school values
- 100% of set work is completed
- 100% of students and their parents would recommend our school
- 100% of students have the opportunity for a range of experiences beyond the classroom.

New School Day

As discussed when I arrived at the school, I am keen to move to the school week modelled in our other schools. The school day would look like this:

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
8:20-8:50	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
8:50-9:40	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9:40-10:30	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10.30 - 10.50	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10.50	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11:40	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12.30 - 1.20	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	End of day for students - enrichment activities available
1.20 - 2:10	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	

2:10-3:00	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Fish and chip takeaway lunch 12.30-1.00 Training for staff as per calendar
3:00-3:50	Lesson 7	Early finish Staff meetings	Lesson 7	Early finish	

The important changes to the current model will be:

- School will finish 10 minutes later than currently on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and slightly earlier on a Thursday.
- There will be no formal lessons on Friday afternoons and students will be free to go home.
- There will be a range of enrichment activities students can sign up for.
- Students whose parents want them to remain on site and complete independent study can do so.

I am keen to move to this model as I feel it will:

- Allow us to offer a range of activities to students that we are not able to offer currently as part of the curriculum such as improved sporting opportunities such as canoeing and rock-climbing, improved design and technology activities such as cooking and film making
- Give students the chance to complete work and engage with the DPR and complete independent study and homework if they choose in the school environment rather than at home over the weekend.
- Give parents more flexibility to arrange family time such as to book weekends away, fulfil religious obligations or to focus on their child's well-being.
- Allow us to recruit and retain the very best teachers as it offers a very good work- life balance which is very important in a time of national teacher shortage. It also allows for dedicated, quality training time. This will mean that your child will ultimately be in receipt of improved teaching.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions on this proposal, please email me via my PA gracetravis@hackneynewschool.org by Friday 19th June 2020.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Kind regards,



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