

16 November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Changes to our school day

Since our return to school in September, we have been working hard to refine our systems and procedures in order to allow us to run our school as close to 'normal' as possible, whilst also making sure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure that staff, students and our wider community are kept safe.

Over the last few weeks, through a variety of staff and student voice forums, we have been collecting feedback on the things that our community would like us to improve. Overwhelmingly, the biggest thing that is missed by our staff and students is a consistent lesson length of 50 minutes. At the moment, lessons at The Farnley Academy range in length from 40 minutes to 70 minutes. The reason for this is because we are running 4 breaks and 4 lunches.

I am pleased to be able to share with you today our plans to return to 50-minute lessons from Monday 23 November 2020. The timetable below outlines how our school day will work.

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
Arrival	Year 11: 8.15am - 8.25am Year 9 & 10: 8.25am - 8.35am Year 7 & 8: 8.35am - 8.45am		Year 11: 8.15am - 8.25am Year 9 & 10: 8.25am - 8.35am Year 7 & 8: 8.35am - 8.45am		Year 11: 8.15am - 8.25am Year 9 & 10: 8.25am - 8.35am Year 7 & 8: 8.35am - 8.45am		Year 11: 8.15am - 8.25am Year 9 & 10: 8.25am - 8.35am Year 7 & 8: 8.35am - 8.45am		Year 11: 8.15am - 8.25am Year 9 & 10: 8.25am - 8.35am Year 7 & 8: 8.35am - 8.45am		
8:15 - 9:00	Registration		Registration		Registration		Registration		Registration		
9:00 - 9:50	Period 1		Period 1		Period 1		Period 1		Period 1		
9:50 - 10:40	Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		
10:40 - 11:50	Period 3a (10:40 - 11:30)	Break A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (10.40 - 11.00)	Period 3a (10:40 - 11:30)	Break A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (10.40 - 11.00)	Period 3a (10:40 - 11:30)	Break A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (10.40 - 11.00)	Period 3a (10:40 - 11:30)	Break A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (10.40 - 11.00)	Period 3a (10:40 - 11:30)	Break A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (10.40 - 11.00)	
	Break B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (11.30 - 11.50)	Period 3b (11:00 - 11:50)	Break B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (11.30 - 11.50)	Period 3b (11:00 - 11:50)	Break B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (11.30 - 11.50)	Period 3b (11:00 - 11:50)	Break B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (11.30 - 11.50)	Period 3b (11:00 - 11:50)	Break B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (11.30 - 11.50)	Period 3b (11:00 - 11:50)	
11:50 - 12:40	Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		
12:40 - 14:00	Period 5a (12:40 - 13:30)	Lunch A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (12.40 - 13.10)	Period 5a (12:40 - 13:30)	Lunch A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (12.40 - 13.10)	Period 5a (12:40 - 13:30)	Lunch A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (12.40 - 13.10)	Period 5a (12:40 - 13:30)	Lunch A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (12.40 - 13.10)	Period 5a (12:40 - 13:30)	Lunch A Y7, Y9 (9.1, 9.3, 9.5, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11) & Y10 (12.40 - 13.10)	
	Lunch B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (13.30 - 14.00)	Period 5b (13:10 - 14:00)	Lunch B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (13.30 - 14.00)	Period 5b (13:10 - 14:00)	Lunch B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (13.30 - 14.00)	Period 5b (13:10 - 14:00)	Lunch B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (13.30 - 14.00)	Period 5b (13:10 - 14:00)	Lunch B Y8, Y9 (9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12) & Y11 (13.30 - 14.00)	Period 5b (13:10 - 14:00)	
14:00 - 14:50	Period 6		Period 6		Period 6		Period 6		Period 6		
Departure			Year 11: 3.00pm Year 9 & 10: 2.55pm Year 7 & 8: 2.50pm		Year 11: 3.00pm Year 9 & 10: 2.55pm Year 7 & 8: 2.50pm		Year 11: 3.00pm Year 9 & 10: 2.55pm Year 7 & 8: 2.50pm		Year 11: 3.00pm Year 9 & 10: 2.55pm Year 7 & 8: 2.50pm		
14:50 - 15:40	Period 7										
Departure	Year 11: 3.50pm Year 9 & 10: 3.45pm Year 7 & 8: 3.40pm										

In order to achieve this goal, you will notice that we have returned to having two breaks and two lunches per day. I would like to reassure parents / carers that whilst we will now have more than one year group on any break / lunch, as per

government guidance, we will continue to operate in year group bubbles. Each year group will have their own designated area of the canteen, their own outdoor space and their own set of toilets. During form time this week, it will be explained to your child the areas that they will be able to use at break and lunch.

In addition to the above, it is important for me to be clear that arrival and departure routines will remain staggered. Arrival routines on a morning will be unchanged, with year groups continuing to arrive at the time that they currently do. On an afternoon, however, students will now leave 10 minutes earlier than they currently do, for example on a Monday where Year 11 currently leave at 4.00pm, they will now leave at 3.50pm. This, again, brings all students much closer to what would be their 'normal' school day and I hope that you agree that this is a positive move forward for our academy.

If you have any questions in relation to the above changes, please contact us via info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal