

# Borden Grammar School



## Consultation: Structure of the School Day

Consultation Start Date: Monday 18 March 2019

Consultation Finish Date: Monday 29 April 2019 (12pm)

Stakeholder: Parent  Employee  Governor  Other(please specify)

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Name (optional).....

### School Statement

On behalf of the Trustees of Borden Grammar School as Headteacher I wish to consult with you regarding a planned change to the timing and length of the school day which we would seek to implement from September 2019. These changes are strongly supported by the Leadership Group of the school who took feedback from teaching staff prior to this consultation being devised. There are three key elements that we wish to consult on:

- 1) **The length of lessons.** At present we have four lessons in the school day, these lessons vary in length from 70-80 minutes. Our intention is to make all lessons 75 minutes each which will not only reduce variation between subjects, but establish consistency between the length of lessons before/after the school lunchbreak. This change is overwhelmingly supported by the teaching staff.
- 2) **The length of the lunchbreak.** At present our lunchbreak is 1 hour. Our intention is to have a lunchbreak that is 45 minutes long. A lunchbreak that is 15 minutes shorter will give less opportunity for issues to arise and will help students to ensure they are focused for their afternoon learning. In a recent survey of teaching staff a 40-45 minute lunchbreak was significantly more popular than either 30 or 60 minutes. Notably, the collective view of our pastoral staff was that a reduced lunchbreak would be beneficial. Additionally, our PE staff would welcome a shorter lunchbreak as this will facilitate more light for after-school fixtures on 'shorter' days as well as the ability to leave for away fixtures earlier. The canteen is typically 'clear' within 35 minutes of the start of lunch of students eating hot food.
- 3) **The end of the school day.** At present the school day finishes at 3:30pm. Our intention is to finish at 3:15pm. Homework Club will still operate in the Library for an hour after-school and provides a resource that is used by boys from every Key Stage. In addition revision classes and sports practices which typically last for up to an hour will be able to finish in time for students to catch the 'late buses' at 4:45pm. Be assured that we will consult with the bus companies about the proposed change.

From September 2019 our school day at Borden would look like this:

	Time
Morning Registration	8:45am
Assembly or form time	8:50am
Period 1	9:05am
Period 2	10:20am
Break-time	11:35am
Period 3	11:55am
Lunchbreak	1:10pm
Afternoon Registration	1:55pm
Period 4	2:00pm
School finishes	3:15pm

If you would like to provide feedback on the three issues please answer the questions below by marking the answer that most closely agrees with your view:

**1) The length of lessons:**

The 4 periods in the day should vary in length between 70-80 minutes	
The 4 periods should each be 75 minutes in length	
Additional comments (if required):	

**2) The length of the lunchbreak:**

I do not have any significant concerns about the lunchbreak being 45 minutes long	
I have some reservations about the lunchbreak being 45 minutes long	
I strongly object to the lunchbreak being 45 minutes long	
Additional comments:	

**3) The end of the school day:**

I do not have any significant concerns about the school day finishing at 3:15pm	
I have some reservations about the school day finishing at 3:15pm	
I strongly object to the school day finishing at 3:15pm	
Additional comments:	

Please return the consultation to the Headteacher's PA, Ms Bateman, in an envelope marked:

'Consultation – Structure of the School Day'

Or email your reply to [lbateman@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lbateman@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk)

Responses will be considered and a decision made by the Trustees (Governing Body) and stakeholders informed by the end of Term 5 (31<sup>st</sup> May 2019). Any change would not be implemented until the start of term in September 2019.

A drop-in clinic for anyone who has questions will be held in the Pavilion **on Monday 1 April between 3:45-4:45pm**. Members of the School Leadership Group will be available to speak to.