

South Ayrshire Secondary Schools

Proposal on changes to the School Day

At present the school day is made up of thirty-three 50 minute periods of learning. The proposal is to move to thirty-two periods with a personal support input of a 10 minute period at the start of each day.

Curriculum for Excellence states that there are four contexts for learning; these are:

- Curriculum areas and subjects
- Interdisciplinary learning
- **Ethos and life of the school**
- Opportunities for personal achievement.

What would it look like in practice?

We propose that the 10 minute period each day is used to deliver “Ethos and life of the school” and provide personal support to our young people.

Input	Intended Impact
<p>Registration</p> <p>Every register class will meet with the same teacher each morning.</p> <p>The time will be used to register pupils, read daily announcements, carry out uniform checks and monitor diaries for homework completion etc.</p> <p>The tracking of progress in individual subjects can be discussed at key points in the year. It will enable curricular inserts and support the delivery of ‘themed weeks’ for anti-bullying, internet safety etc.</p> <p>The dedicated time will enable weekly assemblies with each year group without disrupting teaching time. The time will be used to promote the schools vision and values.</p>	<p>The register teacher would build up a positive relationship with the class.</p> <p>More children will feel supported and listened to as the register teacher will be there every day getting to know them.</p> <p>Attendance and timekeeping will improve and will be monitored more closely.</p> <p>PTG will be able to interact with classes and share house information/identity – this will increase the sense of school pride and belonging.</p>
<p>Ethos and Life of the School</p> <p>This will be promoted through attendance, daily announcements, year group assemblies, homework check in, uniform check etc. Promotion of the vision and values and weekly events such as “Theme for the Week” and “Word of the Week”. There will be school wide participation in charities/giving something back/anti-bullying</p>	<p>“Living” the values will have a huge impact as the child develops. This will help to deepen their positive values and in doing so, help them consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the school and the communities from which they are a part of and the wider world.</p>
<p>Attainment</p> <p>Time can be spent at key points in the year reflecting on targets and setting next steps to improve their learning.</p>	<p>Time for reflection; support to articulate learning and next steps; peer support; study skills – all of these can be delivered during this time at key points during the year. Eg: Mindfulness and stress management techniques can be taught to promote wellbeing.</p>

What will the school day look like?

At present, the school day across all secondary schools in South Ayrshire involves an asymmetric week with three 7 period days (Mon, Tues, Wed) and two 6 period days (Thurs, Fri).

Mon/Tues/Wed		Thurs/ Fri	
8:45 -9:35	Period 1	8:45 -9:35	Period 1
9:35 -10:25	Period 2	9:35 -10:25	Period 2
10:25-10:40	Interval	10:25-10:40	Interval
10:40 -11:30	Period 3	10:40 -11:30	Period 3
11:30-12:20	Period 4	11:30-12:20	Period 4
12:20 -1:10	Period 5	12:20 -1:10	Lunch
1:10-2:00	Lunch	1:10-2:00	Period 5
2:00-2:50	Period 6	2:00-2:50	Period 6
2:50 -3:40	Period 7		

It is proposed that this changes to two 7 period days (Mon, Tues) and three 6 period days (Wed, Thurs, Fri). Each day will start with a 10 minute period. To enable the start and finish times of the school day to remain the same; it is proposed that 10 minutes will be taken from the lunch time, reducing it to 40 minutes. The benefits of this will that more pupils are likely to stay at school for lunch and take part in activities. This will help to promote better eating, better learning.

Mon/Tues		Wed/ Thurs/ Fri	
8:45-8:55	Personal Support	8:45 -8:55	Personal Support
8:55 -9:45	Period 1	8:55 -9:45	Period 1
9:45 -10:35	Period 2	9:45 -10:35	Period 2
10:35-10:50	Interval	10:35-10:50	Interval
10:50 -11:40	Period 3	10:50 -11:40	Period 3
11:40-12:30	Period 4	11:40-12:30	Period 4
12:30 -1:20	Period 5	12:30 -1:10	Lunch
1:20-2:00	Lunch	1:10-2:00	Period 6
2:00-2:50	Period 6	2:00-2:50	Period 7
2:50 -3:40	Period 7		

The teaching time for staff will remain the same.

Where will the time come from?

We will reduce the timetable by 1 period per week. Examples of this could be:

S1 – removal of PSL period

S2/S3 – amendment to elective structure

S4 – creation of PE/PSE Wellbeing

S5/6 – amendment to elective structure

Discussion will take place at the PT Meeting on 23rd January and a final decision reached.

When will this change take place if agreed?

It is proposed that the change to the school day will commence in August 2018.

What happens next?

We would like you to share your views by completing the attached pro-forma and returning it to the school **no later than Friday 19 January 2018**. Your views will be collated and shared with South Ayrshire Council. All parents and pupils will also be part of this consultation.

South Ayrshire Council will collate the results from all schools and then decide if the school day will change.

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Staff Name: _____

Having read the consultation paper on the proposed changes to the school day, I would like:

- The school day to remain the same.
- The school day to change as proposed.

*Please tick your preferred choice.

Comments:

Please return School Office
no later than Friday 19th January 2018.