

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Consultation to change the length of the school day

We wish to consult with you on some proposed changes to the structure of the school day. The proposed changes will affect Wreake Valley Academy and Bradgate Sixth Form. Bradgate Inclusion Centre will not be affected.

The consultation will run from Thursday 13th February to Thursday 6th March 2025.

The current school day runs from 8.45am – 3.00pm. We wish to consult on the following proposed changes:

- To increase the length of the school day by 15 minutes. There are 3 proposed options:
 - a) start the day 15 minutes earlier - **8.30am – 3.00pm**
 - b) finish the day 15 minutes later - **8.45am – 3.15pm**
 - c) a combination of the two - **8.40am – 3.10pm**

Once the changes are agreed, they will come into force for the next academic year from August 2025.

This increase will ensure that we meet the Department of Education's new minimum expectation of a 32.5 hour school week: [Length of the school week - non-statutory guidance](#)

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on the education of the students. The change will bring us in line with the current government guidance as well as giving the school an opportunity to increase curriculum and pastoral time. This change will complement the changes that we are making to our curriculum offer.

Having reviewed our curriculum offer during the Autumn Term, from the next academic year starting August 2025, the school day will change from three lessons of 100 minutes to five lessons of 60 minutes. It is hoped that this change will give the

students the opportunity to refocus throughout the day as well improve their engagement in lessons.

The information in this letter has also been sent to, the school bus company, the local authority, local primary and secondary schools and the local community. We will work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect some of you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and some of you may have questions relating to your child's education. We would be grateful if you could share your feedback with us by completing the MS Form on the link below:

[CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORM](#)

We will also be holding a consultation meeting for parents, carers and members of the wider community who wish to discuss the matter further.

The Consultation meeting will be held in Bradgate Sixth Form Centre on Wednesday 5th March at 5pm.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to share your feedback in writing please send this to us at Wreake Valley Academy, Parkstone Road, Syston, Leicester. LE7 1LY. Please mark your envelope for the attention of Rachael Boyall, Operations Manager.

Please ensure your feedback is submitted no later than 3pm on Thursday 6th March 2025.

We will communicate the results of the consultation by May 30th 2025 via an email to parents/carers as well as publishing this in the weekly Parents' Newsletter. We will also publish the outcome on the school's website.

Yours sincerely

Ben Rackley
Headteacher