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19th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to our communications to parents/carers on Friday 22nd June 2018 which detailed the responses from the consultation into a proposed change to the school day starting in September 2018, the Governing Body have met to discuss the responses and make a final decision on the proposal. Under the proposal, the shape of one school day every fortnight would change in order to facilitate additional training and development with effect from September 2018.

The start times for both staff and students will, largely, remain unchanged every day of the week. Students will also leave school at the same time on nine out of the ten days each fortnight. The change will affect Monday Week Two only, where students will leave school at 2.00pm. The school buses will depart school early on those alternate Mondays to ensure that children can get home. In addition, should any students in Years 7 or 8 need to stay in school to await transportation, then they will be accommodated up to the usual finish time of 3.00pm.

The full consultation documents and anonymised details of the responses received in the consultation can be found in the full 'Consultation Response Report' which was emailed to all parents/carers on 22nd June 2018 and can also be found on the school website.

The Governing Body and school leaders of Culcheth High School have reviewed all of the responses to the consultation and have considered the comments and suggestions made. This also includes three further responses following the publication of the consultation outcome. A discussion session took place at the Curriculum & Standards Governor Committee meeting on the 20th June 2018 where the governors questioned the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team in light of the consultation. The school leaders have asked the Governing Body to accept and ratify the proposal. **Having considered all views, the decision has been made to implement the change to the one school day per fortnight as planned from September 2018.**

This change is being made as school leaders and Governors believe that investing in high quality staff training is the best way to improve educational experiences and outcomes in a school. The impact of this additional training will be measured and evaluated by school leaders and the Governing body. The views of staff, students and parents will be a key part of the evaluations that take place.

Finally, arrangements have been made for school buses to depart from the school site at 2.00pm every Week 2 Monday from September 2018. The first school day of 2018/2019 that this will be in effect is Monday 10th September. As per the initial proposal, parents of Year 7 and 8 students will have the option of asking for their son or daughter to remain in school until 3.00pm. Details of how this provision will operate will be shared with parents/carers on Monday 3rd September. All related documents and details of the dates, structure of the day and other arrangements will be updated on the school website over the summer holiday. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors