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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to our school hours, designed to align with updated government guidance. The Department for Education has issued guidance to help schools in England that currently offer a school week below 32.5 hours to meet the minimum expectation announced in the Schools White Paper in March 2022.

Currently, our school day runs from 8:30am to 2:45pm, meaning we fall **75 minutes** short of this requirement each week.

After careful consideration, the academy's Senior Leadership Team and Ormiston Academies Trust have developed a proposal that will support school improvement priorities and enhance student learning outcomes. To comply with this directive, we will be making a small adjustment to our timetable.

Beginning from September 2025, the new school hours will be:

Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00	Tutor Period
9:00 – 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2
11:00 – 11:20	Morning Break
11:20 – 12:20	Period 3
12:20 – 1:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Period 4
14:00 – 15:00	Period 5

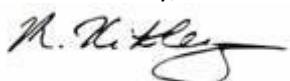
This adjustment ensures compliance with government guidance while maintaining a structure similar to our current schedule, with an additional 15 minutes at the end of the day.

Consultation Period:

We value your input and welcome your feedback regarding this adjustment. **The consultation period will be open from 5th May to 30th May 2025.** If you have any comments or concerns, please share them via email at info@cowesec.org. We will carefully consider all responses during the consultation period, and a final decision will be communicated in June.

We appreciate your continued support and aim to provide parents and carers with as much notice as possible ahead of the adjustment in September 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Kitley
Principal