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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your engagement with our recent consultation on the proposed changes to the school day at Cowes Enterprise College. We truly value your feedback and the thoughtful contributions shared during this process.

Following the consultation, we have continued to work closely with the Isle of Wight Council and Southern Vectis to explore the feasibility of implementing the proposed timetable from September 2025. Southern Vectis has advised that the changes would unfortunately result in the cancellation of key school bus routes (51 and 57), which are essential for many of our students. These routes are carefully coordinated with other services, and the proposed new hours would make it impossible to maintain them.

As a result, we will retain our current school day for the 2025–26 academic year. We remain committed to meeting the Department for Education's 32.5-hour expectation in the future and will continue to work with our partners to find a sustainable solution that supports all members of our school community.

In addition, we are introducing a small but important change to the start of the school day. From September 2025, school entry points will be open from 8.25am, supporting a prompt start to the day for everyone. This adjustment is designed to allow students to arrive and make their way directly to morning registration. Please note this change does not apply to Sixth Form students.

We understand that some students may benefit from being on site earlier than 8:25 am. If you feel this applies to your child, you are welcome to let us know by completing a short form. Please note that priority will be given to students with SEND or other specific needs.

To make this request, please complete the form here:

Early Site Access Request Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/xScguCtD4w>

We are also pleased to share that from September, we will be enhancing the lunchtime experience by introducing a seated lunch arrangement. This change is intended to create a more relaxed, family-style environment where students can enjoy their meals in a calm and sociable setting. We believe this will support positive behaviour, encourage respectful interactions, and contribute to students' overall wellbeing. It also provides an opportunity to reinforce routines and values that benefit the wider school community.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we implement these changes.

Kind regards,



Mrs R Kitley
Principal