Dear Parents and Carers,

As always I would like to thank all the parents and carers for all your support over the last academic year.

We have had our biggest year 11 group leave us last week. We had 37 students. They have already all left with qualifications in Functional Skills Level 1 (GCSE 1-4 equivalent) in Maths and English. They will be eagerly awaiting their GCSE results on the 23rd of August.

We turn our mind to the new academic year in September 2018. We would like to slightly change the time of the school day and the lessons. Our Governors have already backed this at the Committee meetings and the reasons below I am sure you agree make sense. The students will still have exactly the same learning time but we have tightened up some ‘dead’ time in the day which allows them to finish 15 minutes earlier, and for those students that are transported a long way this is a benefit for them on the dark winter nights.

**New Timings of the School day at The Oswaldtwistle School**

Note: with effect from the new Academic Year Tuesday 4th September 2018

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| **Registration (no toast before)** | **8.45-9.00** | **In Form Class****15 mins** | **Friday** **Reg 8.45-9.00** |
| Lesson 1  | 9.00-9.50 | 50mins | same |
| Lesson 2 | 9.50-10.35 | 45mins | same |
| **Break** | **10.35- 10.50** | **Toast available**  | **same** |
| Lesson 3 | 10.50-11.35 | 45 mins | same |
| Lesson 4 | 11.35- 12.20 | 45 mins | **11.45-12.15 Form Tutor Time**  |
| **Lunch** | **12.20-12.50** | **30mins** | **12.15-12.45** |
| Lesson 5 **(pm register to be taken in this lesson)**  | 12.50- 1.35 | 45mins | **Assembly 12.45-1pm** |
| Lesson 6 | 1.35- **2.15 finish**  | 40mins | 1.00-2.00pm Enrichment **2pm finish** |

**Total time pupils in school 5 hours 30 minutes. (same as now)**

**Reasons for changes**

This new finish time allows After School/High Support to start at 2.30 with no overlap or clash.

The earlier start should ensure a more efficient and effective, smooth start to the day.

The one option for toast will mean students are truly hungry and will be more inclined to eat lunch provided. (students had been filling up with toast provided free twice and not eating their hot meal entitlement, especially if they receive Free School Meals)

The slightly earlier break will allow Catering staff clear up and be more ready for lunch.

The PM register in Lesson 5 will eliminate the ’wasted’ 10 minutes and change over time after the disruption after lunch.

The slightly longer L1 and 2 will enable the Core maths And English to focus on basic skills a little more.

The 15 minute am registration should enable a quick, effective start to the day. While still being able to have Literacy and Numeracy focus in them.

A form time will be introduced whereby news, activities etc. can be caught up on.

Friday will look different, with timetabled assembly, form time and an earlier finish for the students.

Transport will be organised if your child already has a taxi.

I**f your child makes their own way to school can you please ensure that you are aware that they MUST be present in school, in registration at 8.45am no later.**

**Please note we close on Thursday the 19th of July 2018 at 12.15pm for all students.** We return on Tuesday the 4th of September at 8.45am.

On behalf of all the staff at The Oswaldtwistle School I would like to wish you all a lovely summer.

Yours Sincerely

Anne Kyle

Head Teacher