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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on achieving Equity of Learning Hours (27.5 hrs) at Kirkcaldy High School

Further to Shelagh McLean’s letter, shared with you on Thursday 7th March 2024, we are now able to confirm we will move to delivering 27.5 learning hours per week to all secondary school age learners in Kirkcaldy from August 2024. For KHS, this means a few changes to the timings of our school day (detailed below). These changes will take effect from August 2024 (after the summer holiday) but our timetable change (when learners move ‘up’ a year) will still take place before the summer – more information will follow in due course regarding this.

From August 2024

Start of school day: 8.40am / **End of school day** (Mon-Thurs/Fri): 3.25pm/1.05pm

Period/break times:

In summary, the school week will consist of:

- 33 periods of 50-minute lessons Monday to Friday
- 7 periods per day from Monday to Thursday
- 5 periods on Friday
- Total learning time is 27.5 hours

The school week for session 2024/25 and beyond will be:

| Monday to Thursday | Times | Friday | Times |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Period 1 | 8.40 – 9.30 | Period 1 | 8.40 – 9.30 |
| Period 2 | 9.30 – 10.20 | Period 2 | 9.30 – 10.20 |
| INTERVAL (15 MINS) | 10.20 – 10.35 | INTERVAL (15 MINS) | 10.20 – 10.35 |
| Period 3 | 10.35 – 11.25 | Period 3 | 10.35 – 11.25 |
| Period 4 | 11.25 – 12.15 | Period 4 | 11.25 – 12.15 |
| Period 5 | 12.15 – 1.05 | Period 5 | 12.15 – 1.05 |
| LUNCH (40 MINS) | 1.05 – 1.45 | | |
| Period 6 | 1.45 – 2.35 | | |
| Period 7 | 2.35 – 3.25 | | |



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“Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Learning”

The end of the school day (Mon-Thurs) will be 3.25pm and we expect all learners to make their way home at this time, as usual, unless they are attending a ‘supervised study’ group or extra-curricular club/group arranged and communicated by teachers.

Activities that will be available on a Friday afternoon will be shared with all families in due course, following partnership work between Active Schools, other partners and the Local Authority. These may be in the learners’ own schools or at another central location. It will be the responsibility of the parent/carer and child to make their own arrangements to attend - no additional transport or school-based supervision will be available.

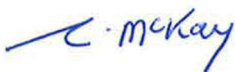
The bus contracts are still to be finalised by Fife Council. Once these are concluded, the usual process for communicating pick up/drop off times for young people will apply. Please note, this is not a communication from school but from the Local Authority/Transport Team and is shared directly with families prior to the start of the new academic session.

Following the consultation process we have made some adjustments to our proposed curriculum offer. In particular, we recognise some concerns raised regarding the addition of SE and RME in S5/6 from our young people. As you will be aware, SE and RME are entitlements for all young people across S1 – 6 and should be part of a planned learning experience. We are looking at a skills based course, encompassing elements of both entitlements but focussing on skills for learning, life and work, leadership and ensuring that young people gain accreditation for this work to ensure they build a strong portfolio of achievement across S5/6. More information is available in the updated ‘Transforming our curriculum...Creating our future...Improving life chances’ document attached to the groupcall.

I hope the information in this update will be helpful to families planning any changes to their existing arrangements to ensure their child(ren) continue to attend school on time and ready to learn.

As ever, should you wish to contact me to discuss any issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the details above.

Best wishes,



Mr C McKay

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