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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Barnhill. They are:

We are planning to extend the school day by ten minutes. This means that the day would end at 15:00 each day instead of 14:50 for normal lessons. Y7 will continue to depart 10 minutes before the rest of the school, at 14:50 (instead of 14:40) Each period one lesson would last for 70 minutes rather than 60 minutes. For those students in year 11 and the sixth form who have period 6 lessons, these will continue to finish at 15:50.

The reason for this change is to extend the Autumn half term to become two weeks. Many parents have stated that they would like to be able to visit family abroad and to take term time holiday. This additional time will allow this. It will also allow students and staff to balance the term better. The autumn term is very long and some children become tired.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from 1st September 2024 and the half term would last from Monday the 28th October until Friday the 8th November 2024.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. There is no reduction in the amount of learning time for any child at Barnhill.

The information in this letter has also been sent to TfL and we will work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to enquiries@barnhill.school by **midday, Friday 12th July**. Please use the subject line; 'School day timings' in your email so we can collate all views.

I look forward to your responses and views. I will write again before the end of term with a final decision.

Yours sincerely,



John Jones
Headteacher