

20th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Proposal to change the length of the school day

We would like to inform you about proposed changes to the structure of the school day at St. Julie's Catholic High School. These changes aim to enhance the school community and further support your child's education. The proposed adjustments are as follows:

- **Removal of PM Registration:** Students would be dismissed at 3:05 PM, eliminating the 3:05–3:15 PM registration period. PM registration will take place during lesson 6 and lesson 7 each day.
- **Continued Student Registration:** Students will still be registered throughout the school day, during each lesson, including AM registration from 8:35-9:00am.
- **Adherence to Statutory Hours:** The school will continue to meet the Department for Education's requirement of 32.5 hours of education per week.
- **Access to School Facilities:** Facilities, including the lower school Learning Resource Centre, will remain open until 5pm for students wishing to stay on site.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** Students will retain full access to all extra-curricular and supra-curricular activities after school.
- **No Impact on Lessons or pastoral support:** There will be no changes to the duration or delivery of taught lessons. Students will still be able to access pastoral support at the end of the school day, if required.

If approved, these changes will come into effect from **Monday 24th February 2025**.

We believe these adjustments will positively impact the school community and enhance your child's educational experience. Key benefits include:

- **Enhanced Academic Focus:** More time for academic tasks after school, which can positively affect pupil attainment.
- **Broader Participation Opportunities:** Increased opportunities for sports and cultural activities, complementing and reinforcing curriculum learning.
- **Personal Development:** Additional opportunities to support students' mental and physical wellbeing, foster social engagement, and encourage improved attendance.
- **Winter Bus Routes:** Students will benefit from access to earlier bus services during the winter months. We do not have a school bus but local services provide transport from 3:10pm onwards. This includes Speke road, Manor road, Woolton Village and Kings Road.
- **Targeted Interventions:** Enhanced intervention programmes starting at 3:05 PM.

This proposal has also been shared with staff, governors, bus companies, local primary schools and the Local Authority to ensure minimal disruption during the transition.

We understand that these changes may affect your childcare or work arrangements and welcome any questions or feedback you may have regarding your child's education. Please share your feedback via this

link <https://forms.office.com/e/xfxwqe1atU> no later than 3pm on Monday 3rd February 2025. If you require a paper copy of the consultation questions, please email reception@stjulies.org.uk.

The results of the consultation will be shared on Monday 10th February 2025 via email, MCAS, letter, and the school newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K. McCourt
Headteacher