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To: All Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Consultation – Changes to the School Day**

Since becoming Headteacher of George Pindar School in September 2016, I have striven to drive forward school improvement in order to ensure that your son/daughter is provided with the best possible opportunity to achieve success. This school improvement process continues to take place against a background of significant changes in education, changes including the introduction of new GCSE qualifications and the requirement to provide an ever broader and more balanced curriculum. To balance these demands it has been necessary for me to assess the current curriculum provided for your child and to implement changes which I believe will provide a future proofed curriculum capable of supporting significant improvement.

In order to achieve this I am proposing a change to the timing and structure of the school day as outlined below:

1. An increase in the time allocated to our morning tutor period, from 20 minutes to 30 minutes, in order to provide; the opportunity to further support your child's literacy, introduce enhanced assemblies incorporating outside speakers and introduce an 'Enrichment Passport' aimed at providing your child with the edge in a competitive world. This change will not affect the time of the start of the day.
2. A reduction in the length of our lunch break, from 45 minutes to 35 minutes, in order to provide additional teaching time whilst ensuring that there is sufficient time for our students to have a break and a meal.
3. A change to the timing of the end of the school day on a Wednesday only, from 3.00pm to 2.00pm in order to provide students with further 'enrichment opportunities' and staff training in order to support our drive for school improvement.

I believe that these proposed changes, which are planned to take effect from the start of the 2017–2018 academic year in September, will provide you son/daughter with the a curriculum structure and school day which is broad and balanced, supports their learning needs and provides further opportunities to both stretch and challenge them and so provide an outstanding educational experience.

If you would like to submit any feedback about this proposed change to the structure and timing of the school day or have any questions or queries with regards to it, please contact me at George Pindar School either via the school office (01723 582194) or via email ([admin@gps.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gps.n-yorks.sch.uk)), with the subject title 'School Day Consultation', before 4.00pm on Friday 26 May. Alternatively please attend our consultation evening at George Pindar School on Tuesday 23 May between 6.00 pm and 7.00pm.

Many thanks for your attention to this consultation process. I look forward to your feedback and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**