



TOTTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Excellence Through Partnership



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds your family safe and well. It is hard to believe that we are already in October!

School is now into week 5 and things are running very smoothly, on the whole. Students are still in zones but they are able to experience and enjoy the full curriculum and, as part of this, they are able to visit specialist areas so that they can still do practical activities. This is something that we are really proud of because not all schools are able to do this at the moment.

Although lessons and school movement is very settled, we are planning to make some changes to the arrangements for break and lunchtimes. Therefore, from Monday, we will be operating a staggered break and lunch arrangement.

From Monday, the timings of lessons 2, 3 and 4 will alter slightly so that only two year groups are on break or lunch at one time. Students will still have the same amount of time for their breaks, but they will be staggered across the three lessons. The school day will still start and finish at the same time.

The decision to stagger social times is to ensure that we can use our facilities well and it is also to enable us, in future, to offer a wider range of food at lunchtimes. As the weather deteriorates towards winter, we want to be able to offer hot food and we also want to be able to offer larger indoor spaces for this purpose. By having only two year groups on break and lunch at any one time, we will be able to make better use of the main hall and the dining hall.

Thank you for supporting our school during these complex times. The main challenges are logistics and the use of space, as you know. Students really have risen to the challenge and their learning time is settled and positive.

With very best wishes,

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