

Our Ref: HTSA/POS/JOD

Date: 3rd May 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

The Governing Body of Ruskin Community High School has begun a consultation regarding a proposal to change the timings of the school day commencing September 2013. There will be **no change** to the current school day start time of 8.50am. The proposed changes would involve shortening the lunch break from 50 minutes to 40 minutes and would mean school finishes earlier at the end of the day. Please remember that Friday's timings are already slightly different.

The full schedule of times for the school day under this proposal would be as follows:

Monday - Thursday			Friday	
Registration	8.50 - 9.10		Registration	8.50 - 9.10
Period 1	9.10 - 10.10		Period 1	9.10 - 10.05
Period 2	10.10 - 11.10		Period 2	10.05 - 11.00
Break	11.10 - 11.25		Break	11.00 - 11.15
Period 3	11.25 - 12.25		Period 3	11.15 - 12.10
Lunch	12.25 - 1.05	←40 minutes→	Lunch	12.10 - 12.50
Registration	1.05 - 1.15		Registration	12.50 - 1.00
Period 4	1.15 - 2.15		Period 4	1.00 - 1.55
Period 5	2.15 - 3.15		Period 5	1.55 - 2.50

As you can see the timings only alter the lunch break and do not impact on lessons. We feel that 40 minutes is ample time to eat lunch, relax and socialise with friends.

We will continue to offer a catering breakfast service to students before school starts from 8.00am, and, under this proposal, we will maintain students not being allowed to leave the school site at lunchtime unless they have written parental permission.

We would welcome your comments regarding this proposal and would ask that you contact via email at: enquiries@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk or via letter addressed to Mr Postlethwaite. Responses by **Thursday 13th June** at the latest please.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss the proposal further please contact me at the school on 01270 560514.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Postlethwaite
Deputy Headteacher