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Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders of Poltair School

The School Day

You will all be aware that in the summer I wrote to you all about some changes that we were making to the school day and the reasons why we were doing this. It was a bold step to try to resolve a number of matters at the school including accommodating our ever-growing school population.

Recently as part of a CELT Challenge Day, a range of stakeholders were asked about the changes, whether they had made a difference for the better. For the far greater part, the responses were largely negative. In particular, students felt that the break times were too long, despite the significantly increased number of lunchtime activities and the rescheduling of intervention sessions during the main break. We do take the views of our stakeholders seriously and obviously do want the lunch break to feel right for the student body. It needs to be a time to eat, exercise, refresh and socialise. Equally we do not want it to lead to disengagement, boredom or misbehaviour amongst the students.

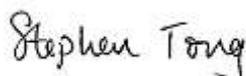
With this in mind, we are making further changes to the school day. Most significantly, we will return to a shorter day with the school finishing at 3.00 rather than at 3.15. The day will start earlier at 8.35. Actually, these are the times that the school operated at until the summer holiday.

The sessions of the school day will be as follows and will apply to all year groups -

- 0835 Tutor Time
- 0900 Period 1
- 1015 Break
- 1045 Period 2
- 1200 Period 3
- 1315 Lunch
- 1345 Period 4
- 1500 School finishes

This change will take effect from 6th January 2020. I do hope that the above makes sense to you and that we can count on your support.

Kindest regards



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