



June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope the term has started well for you. I wanted to follow up on the change to the school day from September 2024, which I mentioned in last week's 'Rednock Review'. In case you missed it, here are the details:

Starting in September 2024, our school day will be extended by 10 minutes, with the school day ending at 3:10 pm. Here are the reasons for this change:

Why is the school day changing? The Department for Education requires all mainstream, state-funded schools to provide a 32.5 hour week (or 6.5-hour days) by September 2024. As a local authority-maintained school, we must comply with this requirement. Currently, Rednock's school day is short by 10 minutes.

What counts towards the school day? The school day includes the time from the official start (morning registration) to the official end (home time). This encompasses breaks, lunch, teaching time, and any required enrichment activities. It does not include optional before - or after-school provisions. The 32.5 hour week requirement does not apply to Sixth Form (16-19 provision).

What does this mean for September 2024? From September 2024, our school day will end at 3:10 pm.

How will the additional time be used? The additional 10 minutes will be used to extend the morning break and to introduce an afternoon registration slot after lunch.

How might this impact my child? After careful consideration of various approaches, we believe the chosen model will positively impact our school. The longer morning break will benefit both students and staff, and the after-lunch registration will help ensure students are prepared for a successful period 5, while fulfilling our legal obligation to conduct an afternoon registration.

We have consulted with our school transport company, who supports this model, ensuring no impact on students who catch a bus.

Between now and the end of the academic year, we will ensure that students are fully aware of, and prepared for, the new timings. Please note that from September 2024, the school site will be accessible to students from 8:20 am, with provisions made for those arriving earlier by bus and for breakfast club.

A copy of the new school day timings from September 2024 can be found overleaf.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



School Day 2024-25

8:20 – 8.30	Arrival Students can arrive at school. Lower floor and external spaces only open.
8:30 – 8.40	Community Call Movement bell sounds at 8.30am. Staff in Community areas welcoming students.
8:40 – 9:05	Morning Registration & Community Tutoring
9:05 - 10:05	Period 1
10:05 - 11:05	Period 2
11:05 – 11.25	Morning Break Movement bell sounds at 11.20am.
11:25 - 12:25	Period 3
12:25 - 13:25	Period 4
13:25 – 14:05	Lunch Movement bell sounds at 14.00
14.05 – 14.10	'Check in' & afternoon registration in lessons
14:10 - 15:10	Period 5