

12th January 2024

Dear High Storrs families,

Happy New year! I hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming change that will take effect in September 2024. In alignment with the latest government guidance, all schools are required to implement a 32.5-hour school week from September 2024. As a result, our school will be adjusting the daily schedule to comply with this requirement. We understand that this change may impact your family's routine, and we want to ensure you get as much notice as possible.

The updated school day schedule (from September 2024) will be as follows:

- **Start Time: 8.35am** (*first bell at 8.30am, form time to begin at 8.35am*)
- **End Time: 3.05pm**

High Storrs has had five one-hour lessons for many years so we plan to use the additional 15 minutes per day to allow for a slightly longer morning break and to add some changeover time between lessons to ensure we can best use every minute of lesson time. We have consulted staff as part of this process and considered several factors including the pressure on the local streets with so many schools in close proximity.

We do believe that this adjustment will not only comply with the government guidelines but also contribute to a more focused and supportive learning environment for our students. We understand that you may have questions or concerns about these changes, and we will we share more detail about the new shape of the school day later this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes,

High Storrs School