

Friday, 7th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to all our families at the start of the final half term of a very busy year. As part of our ongoing commitment to improvement, the school has recently undergone a number of external reviews commissioned through the Summit Learning Trust. We have received positive feedback along with the level of supportive challenge we require to continue to improve standards. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their continued support, in particular those of you that have attended Parent Forums to express your views. These various feedback forums have provided us with clear areas of development for our staff and systems that we know will drive further improvements.

To support this drive for improvement, I would also like to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school week here at Ninestiles, An Academy starting 1st September 2019. The change, which is currently being considered by the members of the Governing Body of Ninestiles, An Academy, involves a condensed school day on Tuesday of each week, to finish at 2.00 pm rather than the current 3.00 pm finish. In brief, the proposed structure of the school week will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday **of both weeks remain unchanged:**

Tutor	Period 1 Including Break	Period 2	Period 3 Including Lunch	Period 4
08:40 – 09:10	09:10 – 10:45	10:45 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:45	13:45 – 15:00

The timetable for Tuesday will be as follows:

Tutor	Period 1 Including Break	Period 2	Period 3 Including Lunch	Period 4
08:40 – 08:50	08:50 – 10:25	10:25 – 11:40	11:40 – 13:25	13:25 – 14:00

Achieving outstanding outcomes for all students lies at the heart of everything we do. The proposed change in the school day will create additional time for all staff to receive ongoing, high quality professional learning, which we firmly believe will have a further positive effect on your child's education.

Whilst I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, you can be assured that we will work closely with the relevant stakeholders to ensure there is minimal disruption. We will be providing study spaces and after school opportunities for all students who opt to remain on site until 3pm. Should you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to make contact using the school email address enquiry@ninestiles.org.uk. We anticipate a final decision being communicated to our families at some point in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Mr Alex Hughes, **Principal**

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