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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Changes to the Academy Day

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Copley Academy. We are making these slight changes due to the revised expectation from the Department of Education regarding the length of time that students need to be in school. This is a minimum of 32.5 hours a week.

## The changes are:

- Students will be in the academy for an extra 20 minutes each school day.
- The academy day will start at 8.30am.
- The academy day will end a little later and we will continue with a staggered end to ensure a smooth exit of the building. Year 7 and Year 8 will leave at 2.55pm, Year 9 and Year 10 will leave at 2.57pm and Year 11 will leave at 3pm.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into force from 1st September 2023.

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the academy community and will have a positive effect on your child's education. It will enable us to have more time to deliver our GREAT Lives program during morning tutorial, break and lunchtime will be extended by 5 minutes allowing students more time to have their snacks and lunch, and the last lesson of the day will be extended by 5 minutes to ensure that the final lesson of the day is a full hour and is not impacted by the staggered end.

The information in this letter has also been sent to the school bus service who will work with us to enable the slight change of times.

If you have any concerns regarding the change to the academy day, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your response to <a href="mail@copleyacademy.org.uk">mail@copleyacademy.org.uk</a> by Friday 16th June 2023.

We will send further information regarding the changes once we have considered any responses and agreed the final outcome of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Craven Principal