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Dear Parent/Carer,

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL WEEK

Over the past few months a review of the school's curriculum and working week has been taking place. We have been looking at the courses that are being delivered in all year groups, along with the choices that pupils can make in their time here at Northfield Academy.

We have taken advice from national guidance as well as considering what happens in our neighbouring schools. In addition, the school has obtained views from the staff and young people involved in the learning and teaching.

We propose to change the school week from a 30 period week to a 32 period week. This will result in changes to how Northfield Academy operates.

In short it will mean that the length of a school day will be longer on 2 days and shorter on 3 days. See below

PROPOSAL – 32 PERIOD WEEK (32 x 50min periods + 10 min registration)			
MONDAY / TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY / FRIDAY	
REGISTRATION:	8.40 – 8.50	REGISTRATION	8.40 – 8.50
PERIOD 1:	8.50 – 9.40	PERIOD 1:	8.50 – 9.40
PERIOD 2:	9.40 – 10.30	PERIOD 2:	9.40 – 10.30
INTERVAL	10.30 – 10.45	INTERVAL	10.30 – 10.45
PERIOD 3:	10.45 – 11.35	PERIOD 3:	10.45 – 11.35
PERIOD 4:	11.35 – 12.25	PERIOD 4:	11.35 – 12.25
PERIOD 5:	12.25 – 13.15	LUNCH:	12.25 – 13.10
LUNCH:	13.15 – 14.00	PERIOD 5:	13.10 – 14.00
PERIOD 6:	14.00 – 14.50	PERIOD 6:	14.00 – 14.50
PERIOD 7:	14.50 – 15.40		
8.40AM START / 15.40PM FINISH		8.40AM START / 14.50PM FINISH	

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The benefits of this change would mean that:

- All periods would be the same length of 50 minutes.
- It would allow for pupil choices to be included from S2 into S3. Currently S3 pupils cover all subjects. With this change they would choose the subjects they are most interested in.
- All S4/5/6 classes would receive 5 periods a week (at present only some subjects receive 5 periods, most receive 4 periods)
- Lunchtime would be reduced from one hour to 45 minutes.

The proposed change would take place in June 2019 when the timetable would usually start for a new session.

In order for parents and partners to share their views with the school, we would welcome comments / thoughts on this new format by using any one of the following methods.

- By e-mailing the school on northfieldacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk
- By telephoning on 01224 699715 and asking to speak to the Headteacher.
- There is also an opportunity to discuss this proposed change with the school at the Parent Council Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th November between 10am and 12pm

I look forward to your views and opinions.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Morrison
Head teacher