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Dear Parents

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Notification of change of school day timings

We have now completed our consultation regarding the change of timings of the school day, i.e. bringing it forward by quarter of an hour to 8.30 am and finishing at 3.30 pm with the following outcomes:

1. Initial responses totalled 41 of which 13 highlighted issues regarding particularly travel problems for parents and pupils who live outside of the Borough of Poole and 28 were either positive with regard to the change or ambivalent to the change.
2. The information evening on 28 April was sparsely attended by 5 parents and 1 pupil of which 1 was positive, 2 highlighted issues regarding childcare, travel and work arrangements and 3 were ambivalent to the outcome.

The governors considered these responses at their meeting on 6 May and have taken the view that change of the school day timings should be implemented from 1 September 2010. This will facilitate the ability to hold an assembly in the morning and enable more efficient use of buses coupled with more light in the evenings being available for after school activities.

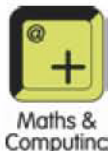
This change will be reviewed at the end of the year, i.e. 2011, in order to ascertain effectiveness of the proposed move and feedback will be requested during the summer term of 2011. Though we appreciate that for a small number of parents this will be problematic on balance we feel the decision is one that will deliver a better quality of education at Poole Grammar School and hence lead to higher levels of achievement and participation in activities.

Attached is the daily timetable from 1 September 2010.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Dr Ken Power
Chairman of Governors



TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

08.30 Registration (AM) and assembly

08.55 Period 1

09.55 Period 2

10.55 **Break**

11.15 Period 3

12.15 Period 4

13.15 **Lunch**

14.15 Warning bell

14.25 Registration (PM)

14.30 Period 5

15.30 **Finish**