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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Proposed change to lunch time arrangements and end of school day**

As you will be aware the school has grown in size over the last four years due to a high demand for places; successful appeals for admission in 2014 created an extra form of entry which has continued each year since then. The school building was designed for 1500 students and currently we have just over 1700. One of the consequences of this is pressure on our dining facilities; there are lengthy queues to use these and they are crowded. We are very conscious that lunchtimes are not the most pleasant experience for students.

To allow students to have a better experience at lunchtimes we plan to change our lunchtime arrangements from September 2018. Instead of lunchtimes being determined by Houses, each year group would have a slightly shorter lunch time but would eat together with one of the dining halls set aside solely for their use during this time. Queuing time would be reduced, there would be more space for students in the dining hall and they would be able to eat with friends across the year group, regardless of House. To achieve this we would stagger the lunchtime for each year group; the first lunch break would begin at 12 noon and the final lunch break would begin at 1pm. To make this work the times of the day would change slightly and the school day would finish ten minutes earlier, at 3.05pm. Time in lessons would not change; there would still be five one hour lessons each day. The school day would start at 8.30am, as it does currently.

School staff and student voice groups are very positive about this proposal believing that it would ensure a more pleasant lunchtime experience for all. If you would like to give us feedback on these proposed changes please email [schoolday@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:schoolday@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk) by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

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