



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Consultation on an extended Autumn half term next academic year (2022-2023)**

From the 2022-2023 academic year, our Multi Academy Trust LSEAT have requested that Woodside Academy match the term dates of other LSEAT schools by introducing a 2-week break in the Autumn term.

We are hoping that the longer break will support the wellbeing of staff throughout the lengthy Autumn term and also provide additional 'down time' to the pupils who often tire towards the end of each of the half terms.

I would like your views on this proposal which would mean a few changes as follows:

1. Introducing a 2-week half term from Autumn term, October 2022
2. New lunchtime timetable arrangements are already in place for senior students which has added an additional 30 hours of learning time across the school year. This equates to an additional school week whilst still providing them with adequate time to play and eat their lunch.

This model will be extended to the primary school where the lunch session will be reduced by 15 minutes a day. This equates to an additional 30 hours (approximately 5 additional days) across the school year whilst still ensuring that the children have sufficient time to eat their lunch and play with their friends.

For our Reception-KS1 children, their timetable is tailored very much around the EY curriculum and the pupil needs. Their lunchtime period is initially extended whilst the children settle and become more familiar with the routines and will naturally decrease extending learning time within the school day.

Playtimes will remain the same across the school.

3. In addition, INSET days will be reduced from 6 to 3 days within the school terms. Staff will then complete the remaining 3 INSET days as a series of twilight sessions throughout the school year.



Please do share your views on these proposals by completing the form using the link below. All responses are anonymous.

<https://forms.gle/ncuww3zX1EZZ4z4h6>

Consultation opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and closes at 3:30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Responses will be considered throughout the consultation period and a final decision will be communicated to staff, students and parents/carers on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. If the proposals are agreed, it will allow sufficient period of time before the new arrangements come into operation.

Yours sincerely

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