



**YSGOL
LLANFYLLIN**

24th May 2024

Re: proposal to change the length of the school day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at Ysgol Llanfyllin. They are:

- **To change the end time of the school day for Secondary Phase pupils from 3:25pm to 3:10pm**

Should this change be approved, it will come into force from **1st September 2024**.

We believe this change will be beneficial to the school community and will positively affect your child's education. These benefits will include:

- A harmonised timetable across all phases of the school with common lesson times, break times and end of school day. This will allow for greater cross phase learning experiences for pupils and will enhance planning opportunities for teaching staff.
- A slightly shorter lunch break which will reduce disruption to learning during the middle part of the school day. Our recent Estyn report identified some issues with pupils becoming disengaged with their learning. Through observation, we have seen a pattern of incidents involving disruptive behaviour during the final 10/15 minutes of our lunchbreak. These incidents happen mainly amongst our secondary phase learners and have a detrimental effect on learning for any affected pupils during the afternoon session.

The information in this letter has also been sent to:

- Members of Ysgol Llanfyllin student council
- All Ysgol Llanfyllin staff
- Powys Local Education Authority
- Members of Ysgol Llanfyllin governing body
- All providers of school transport

We will work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that this change may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to

invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to **office@llanfyllin.powys.sch.uk** by Tuesday 11th June.

In addition, we will be holding an online consultation meeting and Q&A session to respond to any questions you might have on **Monday 10th June at 6pm**. I will distribute the link for this meeting by Friday 7th June via the school app and Class Charts.

We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 14th June 2024 via the school app and Class Charts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dewi Owen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dewi Owen

Pennaeth Ysgol Llanfyllin Headteacher