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Dear KJS families,

We sincerely appreciate all of those who have taken the time to complete our recent survey about remodelling of the KJS timetable. Your insights and perspectives are invaluable to us as we strive to make decisions that best support the educational experience and well-being of our students, and we thank all of you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us directly.

We recognise the importance of considering a wide range of ideas and perspectives, and your constructive responses will play a crucial role in guiding our next steps. Thank you for your continued engagement and dedication to our school community.

We received a total of 384 responses to the survey. With such a robust response rate from our community of 748 student families, we believe that the survey gives us a significantly broad and representative range of views and opinions.

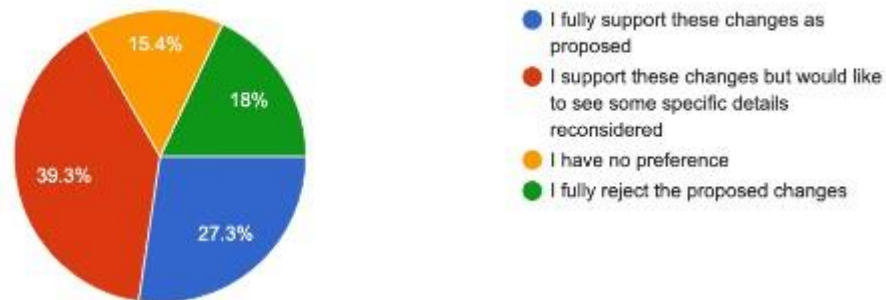
Overall Opinions

Number	Preference
27.3% (105 parents)	<i>I fully support these changes as proposed</i>
39.3% (151 parents)	<i>I support these changes but would like to see some specific details reconsidered</i>
15.4% (59 parents)	<i>I have no preference</i>
18% (69 parents)	<i>I fully reject the proposed changes</i>



Please indicate your **overall level of support** for KJS making these timetable changes in order to enhance the learning of your children

384 responses



Given the levels of support received, with a total of 66.6% of parent responses supportive and a further 15.4% neutral, we feel confident in continuing to explore the modernisation of our timetable, taking into consideration the specific details that have been highlighted for reconsideration.

Key areas for reconsideration

We recognise the feedback from many parents about aspects of the proposal that you would like to see reconsidered, and we are fully committed to thoughtfully examining what changes we can make to our proposal in order that the new timetable meets the needs of as many people as possible.

In particular we recognise the need to consider the following aspects:

Concerns about ECA Enrollment and Availability: We understand that some parents are worried about the availability of ECAs, the registration process, and whether all students will have the opportunity to participate, especially in their preferred activities.

Therefore we commit to devising a fair and transparent process for ECA enrollment that ensures equal opportunities for all students.

Bus and Transportation Issues: Several parents expressed concerns about the impact of the timetable changes on school bus schedules, particularly for those living far from the school or who



have other children to drop off at different schools and the availability of buses after ECAs and the adjustment of pick-up times.

Therefore we commit to working closely with bus service providers to ensure alignment with the new schedule including discussions about costs and minimising changes of start times for bus pickups.

Impact on Family and Morning Routine: The original proposal for an earlier start time is a concern for some parents, affecting children's wellbeing, morning routines, and family logistics.

Therefore we commit to re-considering the feasibility and impact of the earlier start time and considering revisions to this model to find a balance that minimises disruption.

Additional Costs: Some parents have expressed worries about potential extra costs, particularly the possibility of additional fees for bus services and ECAs.

Therefore we commit to ensuring that the financial implications of any revisions is at the forefront of our discussions, particularly regarding transportation and ECAs.

Effectiveness and Value of the New Schedule: Some parents question the real benefits of shifting school hours and are seeking to understand more about the potential impact on students' learning and well-being.

Therefore we commit to creating further opportunities to communicate and explain the educational rationale for the change. We will also instigate mechanisms to regularly review and assess the impact of the timetable changes on student learning and well-being and be open to making adjustments based on feedback and observed outcomes.

Communication and Information Clarity: Parents are requesting more detailed information about the changes, especially regarding ECAs, transportation, and the reasons behind these adjustments.

Therefore we commit to providing a clear and thoroughly detailed explanation of all aspects of any change we might make in the future. We commit to providing this well in advance, with opportunities for parents to ask questions and provide feedback through multiple channels.





Updated Timeline

We have previously communicated that no changes will be made to the original timetable at the beginning of the next academic year, until October break at the very earliest.

However, we would now like to take time to work through the specifics of a revised plan, in consultation with colleagues from ESF Centre, and to share them with parents as a fully considered, detailed and comprehensive way forward. We commit to doing this with enough time to consult further with our parent community.

In view of this, we would now like to let you know that no changes will be made to our timetable for the whole of Term 1. In other words, any revision of our timetable will commence no earlier than January 2025.

Individual Conversations

Finally, we are grateful to the small number of parents who indicated in the survey that they would welcome the opportunity to discuss the KJS timetable in person with a member of the KJS leadership team.

We truly appreciate your willingness to engage directly and constructively with us. We will create a schedule for these conversations early in the new academic year, and we will send invites directly to those parents early nearer to the time.

Thank you again for all of those who chose to share their opinions and perspectives directly with us through this survey.

We look forward to considering all of your ideas and suggestions in order to enhance the learning of our students, your children to the best of our ability.





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Have a lovely Summer.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. MacGregor'.

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