

Education, Skills and Community Wellbeing

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Dear Parent/Carer/Learner

Timetable Structure Across Secondary Schools starting from 2 June 2025

From 2 June 2025, all secondary schools will adopt a standardised timetable structure. The secondary school day will start at 8:50 am and finish at 3:20 pm. Each day will consist of 7 periods of 45 minutes each, along with one 15-minute check-in period, a 15-minute break, and a 45-minute lunch break.

Period 1	8.50 am - 9.35 am
Period 2	9.35 am - 10.20 am
Check In (Tutor time/PSE/Learning)	10.20 am - 10.35 am
Break	10.35 am - 10.50 am
Period 3	10.50 am - 11.35 am
Period 4	11.35 am - 12.20 pm
Period 5	12.20 pm - 1.05 pm
Lunch	1.05 pm - 1.50 pm
Period 6	1.50 pm - 2.35 pm
Period 7	2.35 pm - 3.20 pm

Transport

The adjustments to the school day will affect approximately 26 bus routes. The west part of the region will remain unaffected. Some pupils may experience a delay of 5 to 10 minutes, and a small number of schools may encounter more significant challenges related to bus waiting times. **These issues relate to June 2025 only.** Transportation arrangements will be aligned with the new school times starting in August. For the month of June, I have asked that Headteachers work with their school communities where necessary, to adjust the pupil timetables to accommodate any transport challenges.

Officers will continue to collaborate with secondary school Headteachers to prepare for the implementation of the new timetable, and we will write to you again during the summer break to confirm that arrangements are in place for the start of the new academic year in August.

Yours sincerely



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