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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to formally inform you that the timing of the School day is changing for next year (September 2018). As you are aware, we held a consultation on this and these results were discussed at the Governing Body on Wednesday 9 May. At this meeting it was decided to implement the new times. The Governors agreed that we will operate a home learning hour for students after School on the Friday of Week B and that parents must provide consent for students to leave School on the early closure day.

The Governors are conscious that there had been a report in the media that some schools in the country were having an early closure in order to achieve savings. I can assure you that is not the case at Rickmansworth, the teaching hours for students will remain the same for students at 50 periods per fortnight. This idea came from the student parliament and for our well-being committee. We listen to our students, staff and parents, where we feel there is a good idea we look to see if and how it can be implemented. Staff are not going home early, they will remain at School as part of their directed time to undertake meetings, training and conducting their professional duties.

I would like to thank those parents who did respond to our consultation.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Douglas
Headteacher