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Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from our recent letter detailing our new school uniform, I would now like to give you a further update and also give you advance notice of changes to the school day on Wednesdays from next year.

As previously indicated there will be no compulsory change to the uniform for any current Brooksbank students until September 2020. However, if you wish to send your child to school in our new uniform you will be able to do so from 10th June 2019.

To buy items of uniform please visit our website www.bbs.calderdale.sch.uk and click the uniform shop link for more details. **The new uniform will be available from this week.** If you cannot buy online, you can place an order by ringing our supplier SW1 Schoolwear direct - 01928 752610. Please be aware that you will no longer be able to buy uniform from the school reception.

Brooksbank specific items of uniform – the navy blue sweater, school tie (navy blue with a pale blue stripe for KS3 and a gold stripe for KS4) and the revamped PE kit - MUST be bought through the online shop.

However, to make buying uniform easier, the online shop will for the first time **sell pale blue shirts and a range of skirts and trousers** which meet our school guidelines. This means you can buy everything you need in one place – although if you wish, you can buy these items at a shop of your own choosing.

In September we are changing the times of the school day on Wednesdays. The school day will begin at the same time – 9 am – but will finish 30 minutes earlier at 2.50 pm.

At the start of the day students will go straight to Period 1 rather than registration or assembly. This means lunch will begin 15 minutes earlier at 12.15 pm and afternoon lessons will then begin at 1 pm. Lesson 4 will become a 45 minute Form Period, followed by a normal Period 5. School buses will arrive early on Wednesdays to coincide with the early finish.

The earlier finish, which applies to Wednesdays only, is being introduced to allow us to provide staff with a regular training session to help improve teaching and learning across the school.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Debbie Shutter
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