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Mrs S Watson
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Dear Parents/Carers

April 2018

As you know, our lunchtime is currently 1 hour long. In recent Student Voice interviews, our students have expressed concerns that lunchtime is too long. They have told us that they would prefer to have a shorter school day and a shorter lunchtime.

Other schools' lunchtimes are:

Bishop Fox's	30 minutes
Taunton Academy	50 minutes
Heathfield	60 minutes
Court Fields	50 minutes
Kingsmead	60 minutes
Preston	35 minutes

Robert Blake	45 minutes
Bridgwater College Academy	35 minutes
Haygrove	50 minutes
Chilton Trinity	40 minutes
Buckler's Mead	30 minutes
Westfield	35 minutes

My concerns are that this may mean the PE and Arts enrichment and House activities suffer as a result. However, I have spoken with Arts and PE staff who believe they can take account of a shorter lunchtime, as it would mean they could start matches and enrichment earlier after school, and that we can make reasonable adjustments to ensure that students are able to get changed for lessons and have lunch, etc. Therefore, the school Governors have asked me to write to you for your views.

I would be grateful if you could return the tear-off slip below with your response, or email the school office: office@castle.somerset.sch.uk.

I appreciate any time you have taken to respond. Governors will consider this matter at the next Governors' meeting so any views need to be returned to the school by **Monday 11 June 2018**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Watson
Headteacher

PLEASE RETURN TO THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

Should we shorten the lunchtime by ten minutes and finish school at 3.20pm? **YES/NO**

Comments:

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