

Information about Secondary School Week

The secondary school week will change from August 2017. This information sheet explains what these changes mean.



From August 2017, Angus' eight secondary schools will deliver 33 learning periods of 50 minutes each week. These 33 learning periods will be spread over four longer days from Monday to Thursday and one shorter day on a Friday. The primary school week in Angus is not changing.

Here is how the new secondary school week compares with current arrangements:

	Current school week	33 period week from August 2017
Start of school day	8.55am	8.55am
Finish of school day	3.40pm	3.50pm Monday - Thursday 1.20pm Friday
Lunchtime	1-2pm	1.20-2.10pm Monday - Thursday
Morning break	11.05-11.20am	11.25-11.40am
No. of teaching periods	30	33
Number of learning periods per day	6 (plus daily form time of 30 minutes)	7 Monday - Thursday 5 Friday
Length of pupil week	1650 minutes	1650 minutes

Here is how the new secondary school weekly timetable looks:

Monday

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Break	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Period 6	Period 7
08.55-09.45	09.45-10.35	10.35-11.25	11.25-11.40	11.40-12.30	12.30-13.20	13.20-14.10	14.10-15.00	15.00-15.50

Tuesday

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Break	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Period 6	Period 7
08.55-09.45	09.45-10.35	10.35-11.25	11.25-11.40	11.40-12.30	12.30-13.20	13.20-14.10	14.10-15.00	15.00-15.50

Wednesday

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Break	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Period 6	Period 7
08.55-09.45	09.45-10.35	10.35-11.25	11.25-11.40	11.40-12.30	12.30-13.20	13.20-14.10	14.10-15.00	15.00-15.50

Thursday

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Break	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Period 6	Period 7
08.55-09.45	09.45-10.35	10.35-11.25	11.25-11.40	11.40-12.30	12.30-13.20	13.20-14.10	14.10-15.00	15.00-15.50

Friday

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Break	Period 4	Period 5
08.55-09.45	09.45-10.35	10.35-11.25	11.25-11.40	11.40-12.30	12.30-13.20

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Will the changes to the school day affect the length of the school week for young people and teachers?

Young people and teachers will spend the same amount of time in school in the new week. What has changed is how the learning time is distributed across the week.

2. My child/children use a school bus. How will the 33 period week impact on school transport arrangements?

School buses will continue to drop young people at school as normal and arrive at the end of the school day. Buses leave schools 10 minutes after the school day finishes, so at 4pm on Monday to Thursdays and 1.30pm on Fridays. No additional transport will be provided on a Friday afternoon for those young people wishing to take up optional Friday afternoon activities.

3 Will there be any changes to school lunch provision?

The school lunch break will be 10 minutes shorter and last for 50 minutes. School catering teams will continue to offer the same hot/cold lunch provision each day of the week. Lunches will be available for those who wish them on a Friday and any young people entitled to a free school meal will continue to have access to that facility. The catering team are continuing to develop 'Grab a Bag' options and a breakfast service will be established in all 8 secondary schools from August 2017. A variety of snack options will also be available at morning interval.

4. Who do I contact regarding my child/children e.g. absence, concerns?

You should continue to contact the school office (by phone or email) if you know your child/children will be absent from school. Each school has clear procedures for parent to school communication. Schools are increasingly communicating with parents via text and email.

If you have a particular concern you should contact your child's/children's Pupil Care & Support Teacher via the school office.

5. What provision will be in place for my child/children on a Friday afternoon?

The school week finishes at 1.20pm on Friday and young people are free to go home after this. Buses will arrive at 1.30pm.

A programme of optional activities will be offered to Angus young people on a Friday afternoon. This programme has been put together by Active Schools Angus, ANGUSalive and Angus' Community Learning and Development team. Details on what is on offer can be found in the leaflet 'Angus Extra' (available April 2017).

6. How did these changes come about?

If you are interested in finding out more about how these changes came about, take a look at the following links:

Agenda item 6 – Report No 5/17

www.angus.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/3065/agenda_item_6_-_report_no_517_-_changes_to_the_secondary_school_week

Agenda item 4 – Report No 387/16

www.angus.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/2904/agenda_item_no_4_-_report_no_38716_-_information_report_for_the_period_6_september_to_24_october_2016_-_schedule_4

Agenda Item 10 – Report No 204/16 -

Consultation on the Secondary School Week

www.angus.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/210/children_and_learning

Agenda Item 7 – Report No 434/15 -

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www.angus.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/154/children_and_learning

Agenda Item 8 – Report No 81/15 -

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www.angus.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/72/children_and_learning