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Dear Parent/Carer

Consideration of move to 33 period week

Currently each secondary school in Moray operates on the basis of a 30 period week with a common school day across all 8 schools. There is also a college day on a Wednesday, allowing young people the opportunity to attend Moray College UHI for various courses as well as opportunities for 6th year pupils to study an Advanced Higher at either the College or Elgin High School where they are not able to do so in their base school.

Head teachers have had ongoing discussions with Education Management in the Authority regarding different timetabling options to in order to:

- Strive for excellence and equity by raising attainment and closing the gap
- Provide more time for learning and teaching
- Benefit from more opportunities for different pathways across the senior phase and making young people more work ready
- Have greater flexibility to work with partners, employers and colleges
- Increase opportunities for wider achievement for our young people
- Provide opportunities for head teachers and their staff to be radical in terms of curriculum design and mapping in order to meet learners needs and prepare them for the 21st century
- Continue commonality across schools to provide more opportunities for collaboration and making use of technology

As a result of discussion it is a shared view across Head Teachers and Education Management that the 33 period model would be the most effective model to achieve the above. Many authorities now operate in whole or part on the basis of an asymmetric model and others planning to make the change or engaging on consultation to change.

During May 2016 head teachers are engaging in discussions with staff, pupils and parent councils regarding this with an opportunity to consider moving to the 33 period week or retain the status quo i.e. a 30 period week. Should the 33 period week be favoured, the model shown overleaf will be considered. Views will be sought and reported back to the Director of Education and Social Care who will make the final decision on retaining the status quo or implementing a 33 period week from session 2017/18.

You are invited to attend the Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 24th May at 7.00 pm in Forres Academy where you will be able to ask any questions or share your thoughts on this proposal. Refreshments and crèche facilities will also be available.

Yours sincerely

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Model

Period Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:45-9:35	1	1	1	1	1
9:35-10:25	2	2	2	2	2
10:25-10:40	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval
10:40-11:30	3	3	3	3	3
11:30-12:20	4	4	4	4	4
12:20-13:10	5	5	5	5	5
13:10-14:00	Lunch (50 mins)	Lunch (50 mins)	Lunch (50 mins)	Lunch (50 mins)	Lunch (50 mins)
14:00-14:50	6	6	6	6	6
14.50-15:40	7	7	7		