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Dear Parent/Carer

Term Dates/School Calendar Consultation Results

We wrote to you recently, and followed that up with a reminder this week, about the consultation that has been taking place to seek opinions from parents/carers, staff, students and governors about proposed changes to term dates from the 2027-2028 school year. The main change would see the October half term break extended from one-week to two-weeks, with some minor changes to other end of term or school return dates throughout the rest of the year to accommodate this.

Following the consultation period closing on Wednesday 14 October 2026, I am writing to inform you that the decision has been made to go ahead with the proposed changes to school term dates from 2027-2028. This decision has been based on the responses received from respondents, which included 57.43% supporting the change, 33.78% opposing it and 8.78% holding no opinion either way.

When analysing the feedback further, the reasons respondents have given for supporting the changes mirror those of the school for proposing them. These were particularly things such as:

- allowing parents/carers the opportunity to book family holidays at a potentially more affordable time
- allowing for a more even start to the school year in terms of the length of the first two half terms. Many felt this will lead to better management of student and staff wellbeing and the distribution of work to be undertaken
- allowing parents/carers more flexibility to spend time together with their children as a family
- ensuring the best possible transition for students joining the school

There were of course concerns raised too and I would like to take this opportunity to provide a response to some of those and offer my reassurance about how these have been considered.

Different school term dates locally and across local authorities
While this change may mean some dates for school holidays do not completely match up with a small number of local schools, the overall make up of our term dates will remain very much aligned to other local schools and local authorities.

Childcare and leave of absence during school holidays
While we appreciate that any change can have an impact on families and arrangements for childcare, these changes will have a minimal impact on the school calendar. We have also undertaken this consultation at a time that means, if changes are to be made (which we are now confirming), everyone has a significant amount of notice of this to allow plans to be put in place.

Student routines and learning
Some concerns were raised about learning routines or how changes to the October half term break might affect coursework deadlines. However, we assure parents/carers, staff and students that no school learning time will be lost as a result of any changes to term dates and deadlines will be managed with these in mind.

We understand that any decision of this nature will naturally generate concern and raise questions. It is not possible to leave everyone happy when making decisions that alter established routines. However, a lot of thought and consideration has gone into the decision to propose these changes and school leadership believe in the breadth of benefits that they are intended to deliver for the wellbeing of students and staff.

We will of course monitor the impact of these changes to ensure that the benefits we expect are realised and are not outweighed by any negative impact on students and families. Should we find that there is a body of evidence for reviewing this decision again, we will of course do this and invite opinions once more from all interested parties.

We would like to thank you for your participation in this consultation process and in anticipation of your cooperation with the changes that will be made to term dates from 2027-2028. A copy of the final school calendar for 2027-2028, which details these changes, can be found on our website or viewed via this link: https://tinyurl.com/4mw27z3a.

Yours faithfully



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