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Dear Parents

Proposed Change to Term Dates

As you know, we worked during November with our colleagues across schools in Haverhill to ask you about term dates for the next school year starting in September 2018. Firstly, I would like to thank you for taking the time to respond, as always, your views were greatly appreciated. Please find below the note that has been sent to all Trust schools and the dates for the 2018-19 academic year.

Kind regards

Karen Sheargold
Headteacher





Information for parents and staff

We are very grateful to all who took the time, informally and formally, to respond to our consultation on looking at a possible different set of term and holiday dates for 2018-19. We had a variety of responses and many very helpful comments from the ten schools involved.

Overall, our conclusion is that we have not yet found a set of dates that has the confidence of both parents and staff to move to something different from what has been the pattern of term and holiday dates up to now. We will not, therefore, be changing to the dates that were proposed and will be staying with the dates to be used generally in the area – see below for the dates of the 2018-19 academic year. We will think further during the spring term about the comments we received, both by those that were interested in what had been proposed and by those who were concerned about the proposals.

Across the schools, there were a number of staff and parents who spoke informally to headteachers about their views. In terms of responses actually sent or made at meetings in schools, there were 428 replies, some of which made comments but did not say specifically they supported or did not support the proposals. Of those who replied and made clear their opinion, there were 139 who supported the proposals and 195 that did not.

The responses showed that there was interest in considering dates that are different from what have been the usual pattern. There were different views about where changes to the current pattern of dates might change. There were concerns that the proposals might be a way of cutting staff hours – we had useful conversations with trade unions during the consultation to make clear that whatever the outcome that this would not lead to changes in staff hours.

Schools are now confirming dates for the school year 2018-19 to parents and staff. These will follow the usual kind of dates that we have had this and in previous school years.





TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 rd September	PD Day
Tuesday 4 th September	PD Day
Wednesday 5 th September	First day of term all years
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October	Half Term
Friday 21 st December	Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 rd January	PD Day
Friday 4 th January	PD Day
Monday 7 th January	First Day of Term
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February	Half Term
Friday 5 th April	Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 rd April	First Day of Term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

Please note that the final PD Day will be set by Mr. Martin early in the Spring Term

