



March 2021

School term dates 2021/22 and 2022/23

School Year September 2021 – July 2022

I am writing to advise you of an update to the school term dates for 2021/22 which we initially published some time ago.

In those term dates, February half term 2022 was planned one week later than the county council run schools and other schools in the area, and the end of the Summer Term 2022 was one day earlier.

After some consideration, we have decided, for the 21-22 school year, to bring this in line with the majority of other schools in the area, not only to enable families with children at other schools to plan more easily, but also to ensure the terms are better balanced in terms of length.

New school term dates for 21-22 are attached to this message and are also published on your school and the Trust website.

2022/23 and beyond

Whilst writing to you about term dates, I also want to let you know that we want to consult with you and other stakeholders on possible revisions to how our terms are organised for the Trust schools.

The academic year is a legacy from times past and we now need to look at it with fresh eyes and consider if it means the needs of modern education and modern family life. We want to ensure that the school year is well-balanced to deliver our curriculum, and also ensure staff and pupil wellbeing is taken into account.

This outcome of this consultation will be extremely interesting. If the overwhelming response is that the majority want the school year to stay the same, or potentially change, we will listen and respond accordingly. So, I would encourage you to take part in the survey through this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QBMN5VJ>

Please take the opportunity to make your views heard by taking part. The survey is open until Friday 9 April.

Kind regards,

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