

THE DIAMOND LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST



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11th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to consult you about a proposal to change our term dates for 2016-2017.

We will look each year at having the 5 training days together in one block. In addition we will try to arrange the dates so that we will return to school on a Monday giving families an additional full week. What we hope is that a large proportion of parents will be able to take advantage of the cheaper holiday prices at that time. We recognise this will not be a solution to parents with schools outside the Trust. What we hope is that by taking this measure it will reduce the number of parents taking their children out of school during term time for family holidays.

The two proposals are:

Proposal 1: The children return to school in September on 12th September. The Christmas term would finish 21st December and the Spring term would begin 3rd January to ensure the children are in school for the 190 days.

Proposal 2: The 5 training days are the week before the October half term holidays. This would mean that half term would begin 17th October and end 28th October.

The benefits for the school are also clear. We will be able to group all staff development days together in September or October each year in a one week block to enable the majority of staff training to be completed by end of term 1. This will ensure that the training has the maximum impact on our children from the beginning of the school year. It will also reduce the impact of the single days off for staff development upon pupils who find disruptions to their learning difficult to manage.

Our priority is what is in the best interests of the children as any time off school impacts not only on the learning of the child who is away but it also has a negative impact on the other children in the class.

The consultation for parents/carers will run from Friday 11th September until Friday 9th October. The consultation also includes feedback from staff.

Proposal 1: Autumn term 2016

Monday 12th September to Wednesday 21 December 2016
Half term: 24 October to 28 October 2016

Spring term 2017

Tuesday 3 January to Friday 31 March 2017
Half term: 13 February to 17 February 2017

Summer term 2017

Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 July 2017
May Day: 1 May 2017
Half term: 29 May to 2 June 2017
Proposal 2:

Proposal 2: Autumn term 2016

Thursday 1 September to Tuesday 20 December 2016
Half term: 17 October to 28 October 2016

Spring term 2017

Wednesday 4 January to Friday 31 March 2017
Half term: 13 February to 17 February 2017

Summer term 2017

Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 July 2017
May Day: 1 May 2017
Half term: 29 May to 2 June 2017

I would welcome your comments and would be grateful if you could return the reply slip below to your school office by Friday 9th October.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Susannah Connell
CEO/Lead Executive Headteacher
On behalf of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

To: The school office

Please tick next to your preferred option and add any further comments

I support option 1 ☐

I support option 2 ☐

I don't support either option and would like no change ☐

Comments: