

# CONNECT SCHOOLS ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Towards the end of the summer term, we asked parents to complete a survey to gauge opinion about changing the October half term to a two-week break in line with some other local schools; secondary schools in particular. We received over 1,000 responses from parents and staff across all the schools in the Trust, and overwhelmingly, these were in favour of a two-week break.

Many parents took the opportunity to comment about the proposed change, and a particular concern was that we should ensure that the time was made up in a meaningful way so that the children did not suffer a loss of teaching and learning time. The Trustees were in complete agreement with this and also stipulated that as well as the amount of time, the quality of learning must be maintained.

In practice, in order to maintain the overall teaching and learning this will mean that children will return from the summer holidays two days earlier and other inset days later in the academic year will no longer be held and children will be in school. The number of days that children will be in school will therefore be the same annually. In this way, we hope there will be no disruption to the children and no need for additional childcare outside the main school holidays.

We also wanted to give parents plenty of notice of this change happening, so it will come into effect in the 21/22 academic year. The exact dates will be determined shortly and will be available on the website.

Yours sincerely,



**Scott Pinder**  
Chair of Trustees

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