



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL
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7th January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Proposal to change the school working pattern to include a 2-week autumn half term holiday

We are proposing to move to a 2-week autumn break, and we would like parental feedback on the proposed changes.

If approved, there would be a 2-week holiday in October / November rather than 1 week as per the current pattern. The changes necessary to facilitate this have been outlined in the table below for 2020-2021 (all other dates remain the same). Please rest assured that students will be in school for the same total number of days per academic year:

Term time dates – current	Term time dates - proposed
Half term holiday - Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2020	Half term holiday – 2 weeks to be taken from the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19th October to 30th October 2020• 26th October to 6th November 2020
Pupils return – Wednesday 6 th January 2021 (Inset day Tuesday 5 th January)	Pupils return – Monday 4 th January 2021 (No Inset day) 2 extra days in school
Easter Holidays – Students break on Wednesday 31 st March 2021	Easter Holidays – Students break on Thursday 1 st April 2021 1 extra day in school
Summer Holidays – Students break on Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Summer Holidays – Students break on Friday 23 rd July 2 extra days in school

The advantages of these changes would be a shorter summer holiday therefore less educational slippage for students and a longer break during the longest school term of the year. This will also give families the option to go on holiday during a relatively cheaper week of the year, thereby reducing the amount of requests for term time holidays or instances of unauthorised holidays which result in valuable learning being missed.

We would appreciate it if you could complete a brief survey to enable us to gather essential feedback on the proposal, which can be accessed via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CM2QPRQ> - we would appreciate responses by Wednesday 15th January.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Carlton Bramwell
Headteacher