



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL
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4th February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

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

Further to my recent letter asking for parental opinion on the proposed 2 week autumn half term, I can confirm that the proposal **will not** be going ahead and we will remain on a 1 week autumn half term timetable.

Despite there being a number of advantages to the proposal, we have to make sure any decision we make takes into account the needs of all our families, and there was simply too high a number that would have struggled with childcare as a result of the change.

We have had approval to provide a long weekend in November, meaning school will close on Thursday 26th November and re-open on Tuesday 1st December. This will provide students with a substantial break during the longest school term of the year. To offset this, students will return to school on Tuesday 5th January and we will now close for summer on Thursday 22nd July. The new school holiday pattern can be found overleaf.

I appreciate that this information will be disappointing to some, however I hope you can understand why this decision has been reached.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Carlton Bramwell
Headteacher