



Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Department for Education has given flexibility to schools to set the school calendar. These freedoms are to enable Headteachers and Governing Bodies to set term dates that work best for local families. The school has been working collaboratively with other schools in BATIC (Benfleet and Thundersley Inter Cluster) to review the current term date arrangements across our schools.

As a cluster of schools, we all understand the costs that parents and families face due to the price increases during school holidays, across the holiday sector. Schools have discussed making small changes to the calendar for the next academic year 2018/2019. These changes enable a number of more affordable holiday options for our families without negatively impacting the children's education.

Discussions regarding this have been held with staff and governors and there is a positive view about consulting on the proposed new arrangements. We do of course greatly value your continued support, so it is most important that we gather views from our families before any decision is made. Feedback on the following proposal would be much appreciated:

During the academic year 2018/2019 onwards:

The October half term is extended to 2 weeks

Monday 22nd October – Friday 2nd November 2018

Please see attached 2018-2019 term dates with the suggested changes highlighted. These dates may be subject to change depending on the outcome of this consultation. This additional 5 days holiday would be made up by increasing teaching time during the day. This will not impact on the existing start and finish of the school day.

Please could you send the reply slip back, stating whether you are in agreement or not, and any further comment. Replies need to be back in school by Monday 23rd April 2018.

Your views will then be shared with the Governing Body and discussed in full, before a final decision is made. If you do not return the slip, we will assume that you are in favour of the changes to the term dates.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Proctor Head at Hadleigh Infants	Mr G Moore Head at Hadleigh Juniors	Miss C Redpath Head at Robert Drake	Mrs D Mason Head at Montgomerie
Mrs H King Head at Kents Hill Infants	Mr D Walton Head at Woodham Ley	Mrs K Newell Head at Kingston	Mr D Carver Head at South Benfleet
	Mrs N Kadwill Head at Jotmans Hall	Miss E Dawson Head at Thundersley Primary	



Healthy School

Headteacher : Mr S Proctor