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2018-19 Term Dates Consultation- Response to questions raised

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your consultation responses to date. Your views are incredibly important to us especially when considering a big change. So far we have received 39 responses. Parents still have until Monday 23rd April 2018 to submit their responses to the school.

Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School and Hadleigh Junior School have both received similar questions/queries; please find our responses below to some frequently asked questions. The aim of these responses is to clarify key issues to support you in your considerations for the proposed change to term dates.

Will my voice be heard?

Any correspondence relating to the consultation will be shared with the school's Governors. All comments will be discussed and a document outlining the school's response to each issue will be published at the end of the consultation.

Has a decision already been made?

No. As Head Teacher of the school, after long discussions with other Head Teachers within the local area, I made a recommendation, to the Governing Body, that we consider how we could change the school day to allow us to gain an additional week's holiday. It was agreed that a consultation of all stakeholders should be held to gain overall public opinion on this proposal. The Governing Body will make the final decision on the matter in conjunction with Hadleigh Junior School. Each vote cast on this decision will be evenly weighted and no decision will be made until all responses from the consultation have been reviewed and discussed.

Are the school introducing this idea to save money?

As the school are not changing the overall teaching time the children currently receive the simple answer is no we are not saving any money from reducing the number of weeks the children are in school for, as staff will be working the same number of hours as they currently do. Obviously, there might be some small savings relating

to energy bills but we are talking very small figures. The school will still be open for the site team and the holiday club which would then make little if not no difference to the normal usage of energy.

How will the time be made up?

The time will be made up of 8 minutes per day extra learning time. These 8 minutes will be taken away from the current lunch time of 1 hour and 10 minutes resulting in lunch time becoming 1 hour and 2 minutes. 8 minutes every day for the proposed 185 days make up 24 hours and 40 minutes. The current teaching time for pupils at Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School, per week, is 24 hours and 10 minutes.

Will childcare be offered to parents?

The school has already been trialling holiday club provision and has every intention to offer the holiday club during the proposed additional week. This school would do this as a non-profit activity and would create prices to cover the cost of the staff and amenities need for the sessions. This would be worked out by dividing the cost of the provision divided by 30 children.

Will both schools do the same thing?

Yes, whatever the outcome, both schools will have the same holidays and INSET days.

Why haven't I received correspondence relating to this matter?

Both schools sent out correspondence relating to the consultation on Monday 12th March. This may have come in the form of an email or a letter. Both schools have also placed the letter, consultation form and the proposed term times on their respective websites for parents to digitally access. If parents have yet to receive the information, additional copies can be located at the main office of both the Infants and Juniors. The paper work will continue to be available online for the rest of the consultation period.

I hope that some of if not all of your queries/questions have been answered above. We will continue to monitor responses and will try to answer any ongoing issues as quickly as we can. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact either Mrs McCarthy or Mrs Reader and they will arrange a meeting with me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Proctor

Head Teacher