

TLA / GPA

1st October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Term Dates 2020-2021

I am writing to advise you that we have assigned Thursday 5th November 2020 as an INSET Day and attach an updated calendar to reflect this.

Previously, Thursday 5th November was allocated as a Skills Day. However, in light of current restrictions imposed due to Covid-19, the decision has been made to defer Skills Day to a later date in the academic year in the hope that fewer restrictions will be in place by then, enabling students to go out on school trips and embark on a wider variety of activities to support their curriculum learning.

May I also draw your attention to the Easter Holiday dates. As an Academy, we are not obliged to follow the term dates set by Essex County Council, and we have the freedom to make our own adjustments, taking into consideration various events throughout the year.

The decision was made, and indeed communicated to parents/carers in writing on 14th January 2020, that our Easter Holiday would take place from 2nd April to 16th April inclusive. The reason we chose to adopt different dates from those published by the Local Authority was that, disappointingly, their term lengths were imbalanced. The second half of the spring term was five weeks, while the first half of the summer term was seven weeks. We felt this created inconvenience to teachers in their planning, which is usually done in half-termly chunks, and following consultation with staff the decision was made to even up the half-terms at six weeks each.

Our calendar for the academic year 2020-21 has also been displayed on our school website since 14th January 2020 and it is therefore disappointing to receive requests for authorised absence for students to attend trips and events during the week commencing 29th March 2021. All parents/carers are reminded that they must first consult the school calendar before booking any such trips to avoid any unauthorised absence.


Yours sincerely,





Mr T. Lawn
Headteacher


Academic Year 2020-2021

| September 2020 | | | | | | | October 2020 | | | | | | | November 2020 | | | | | | | December 2020 | | | | | | |
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 = Schooldays / Weekends

 = Bank Holidays

 = School Holidays

 = Non Pupil (INSET) Days
(There are two further dates to be confirmed)

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| Autumn Term: | Thursday 3 September 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i> | 72 days |
| Spring Term: | Monday 4 January 2021 – Thursday 1 April 2021 <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i> | 59 days |
| Summer Term: | Monday 19 April 2021 – Friday 23 July 2021 <i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday, 3 May</i> | 64 days |
| | | <u>195 days</u> |

Please note: The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.