

June 17th 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to consult with you on a change to our term time dates.

We are proposing an additional two days for staff training within the next academic year. These dates would be added to the end of the autumn term. For 2019-20 we propose to add two training dates to the end of autumn term. (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December)

We are proposing this in order to increase the blocked time we have to train all staff comprehensively in all specialist teaching and learning and SEND training. Currently we use up to four training days to ensure staff are fully trained in all mandatory courses such as first aid, moving and handling and managing challenging behaviour, and this leaves little time to focus on specialist approaches, subject knowledge and progress for our young people. Through these additional training days, we aim to ensure that all staff have a secure level of specialist training in the area in which they work.

This year we aim to train all staff in 'Emotion Coaching' which is an approach to supporting young people to understand their emotions and help staff to support their mental health and well-being.

Please respond to our consultation by returning the response slip below to your child's school by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Carolyn Morgan  
CEO

I agree with the proposed additional dates

I disagree with the proposed additional dates

Additional comments:



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