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14th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Consultation regarding changes to the holiday pattern and school day for the Academic Year 2016-2017 due to new school buildings

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns and thoughts on the changes to the holiday pattern and school day for 2016-2017.

I would like to clarify that the requirement to close for the 2 weeks in October 2016 was imposed by the EFA (Education Funding Agency) as there will be no services to either building during this phase. The new building cannot be completed for the start of term in September 2016 so we are required to move in at the start of the following term which is November 2016.

All comments and suggestions have been considered by the EAB (Education Advisory Board). In order to ensure that there is no loss in teaching time, the school day has been changed. Please see the information below showing the timings of the school day and the attached holiday pattern for the forthcoming academic year.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

K. Squire (Mrs) Principal

## The New School Day

8.30	Morning Registration
8.45	Lesson 1 (extended by 5 mins)
9.50	Lesson 2
10.50	Break
11.10	Lesson 3
12.10	Lunch
12.45	Lesson 4
1.45	Lesson 5
2.45	End of School

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## Academy Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

Inset Training Day

1st September 2016

First day of term

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

School closes

14th October 2016

Inset Training Day

31st October 2016 (No access to buildings)

Inset Training Days

1st & 2nd November 2016 (unpacking and preparation)

New school opens to students

3rd November 2016

School closes Christmas

21st December 2016

Inset Training Day

3rd January 2017

School open for students

4th January 2017

School closes Half Term

17th February 2017

School opens

27th February 2017

School closes Easter

7th April 2017

School opens

24th April 2017

School closes Half Term

26th May 2017

School opens

5th June 2017

School closes for summer

21st July 2017

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