



Friday 16th February 2018



Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Changes to published term dates 2018, 2019

We would like to inform you of a change to the published term dates for next academic year. At present the 2018-2019 term dates (which can be found online at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/school-term-dates/2018-2019-term-dates>) show that the autumn term ends on **Wednesday 19th December 2018** and the spring term starts on **Thursday 3rd January 2019**. All Heaton's cluster schools have however, made the decision to amend the term dates for the Christmas break 2018-2019 in order to limit the number of part weeks.

Following discussions with our governing body it has been agreed that full weeks, rather than part weeks, can impact positively on both learning and attendance. We therefore believe that changing the term dates will support this and be a preferred arrangement for both students and staff. This will bring St. John's C. E. Primary School in line with Priestnall School and all other local primary schools, who have also agreed with their governors to the same changes.

The amended dates for the academic year 2018-2019 will be as follows:

End of autumn term - **Thursday 20th December 2018**

Start of spring term - **Monday 7th January 2019**

If any families have already booked holidays for the 20th December 2018 please contact the school office as soon as possible. Individual schools will agree their own INSET days for 2018-2019. At St. John's C.E. Primary School these will be:

1. Monday 3rd September 2018
2. Monday 29th October 2018
3. Friday 21st December 2018
4. Monday 29th July 2019
5. Tuesday 30th July 2019

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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