

20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Families

**Principal's proposal to move to a two-week October break – 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

In our last Governing Body Board Meeting I proposed that the above change occurs at our Academy from the 2017-18 academic year onwards. I thank the Chair and Board of Governors for subsequently supporting my wish to consult with parents/carers and staff on this issue.

My three main reasons for proposing this development are as follows:

- Many parents/carers have mentioned that this would be a positive development
- The first two terms can be exceedingly long for all concerned and this move would bring an equitable and more manageable first two terms for parents, pupils and staff, along with a shorter summer holiday
- This development would align us with all fellow LAT Academies

To meet the challenge of enabling us (staff and pupils) to have this two week Autumn break and also deliver the requisite amount of school / training days, I would broadly implement the following model:

- Start Term 1 earlier in September
- Add one or two school days for pupils and staff in the final week of Term 6
- Bring colleagues back for two or three training days prior to the new September start date
- Redistribute other training days during the year
- Keep the rest of the year as it is now

**Please note that because of this proposal I have not yet set holiday dates for 2017-18.**

**Next steps**

**Therefore, my proposal is that Milestone Academy moves to a two week October half term holiday from 2017-18 onwards.**

Should you wish to respond to my proposal please do so by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. I will then take the findings to our Governing Body on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Following this meeting I will be in a position to publish the dates for the following year.

Please respond in writing to myself, or by email to: [info@milestoneacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@milestoneacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Principal

