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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family are keeping well. We are writing to share an important update regarding our school calendar for the year ahead.

Following a period of consultation with both our homes and our staff team, we have agreed to move to a **two-week half term break** in the autumn term. This decision has not been taken lightly, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed their thoughts and experiences during the consultation process.

Over the past few years, we have seen a significant drop in attendance during the autumn half term week. Many families have understandably chosen to align their plans with local secondary schools, which have already moved to a two-week break. After listening carefully to your feedback and reviewing the impact on pupils, staff, and families, we feel this change will better support our whole school community.

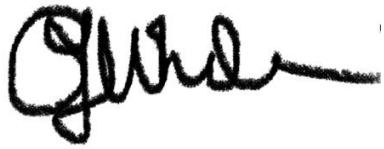
We hope this adjustment brings several benefits to you and your children, including:

- **Alignment with local secondary schools**, making it easier for families with children in multiple settings to plan time together.
- **Greater flexibility for family holidays**, reducing the pressure of arranging time away during peak periods.
- **A more meaningful rest period** for pupils, supporting their wellbeing and helping them return to school refreshed and ready to learn.
- **Reduced disruption to learning**, as the extended break reflects the attendance patterns we have already been experiencing.
- **Consistency across the local area**, helping homes and carers plan activities, childcare, and routines more smoothly.

We recognise that any change to the school calendar can have an impact on family life, and we want to reassure you that our priority remains the wellbeing and stability of our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your school.

With warmest regards,





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