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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have seen on our Woodcote Weekly, all schools within the local area, known as Ashby Learning Community, (which includes Ivanhoe and Ashby School) are in the process of either consulting or have adopted proposed holiday changes. As a group of Headteachers it was decided to even up the length of the half terms in October, which would be of benefit to all our pupils to reduce the long half term up to Christmas. The same principle will be applied to the Easter break in 2018/19. A copy of the proposed changes in 2018/19 is on the back of this letter.

A Governors meeting was held during the summer term 2016, as well as a recent discussion on bringing all local schools holiday in line with each other. As a result of the discussions, the Governors would like to open a four week consultation period. This period will run until **Monday 24th April, 2017**. If you have any views on these proposed changes then please either send a letter to school addressed to Mr Parker, Chair of Governors, or e mail office21@woodcote.leics.sch.uk and address for the attention of Mr Parker. We welcome all views, whether for or against the changes, and would urge you to share your opinions with us.

There will be a Governors meeting on Monday 24th April, when a final decision will be made. This decision will either be to adopt the new pattern, which will bring us in line with the rest of our group of schools, or to stick with the existing Leicestershire pattern, which will result in our holidays differing from local primary schools and Ivanhoe and Ashby School. I will then ensure that the confirmed holiday pattern will be on the school website by Friday 28th April alongside the 2017/18 holiday dates.

As I have described this change is being proposed for the benefit of our children. Given that other schools are already implementing the change we have no available option that will be without some disruption to families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Suzanne Jones
Headteacher





Proposed Holiday Pattern 2018-19

Local Authority published model			Ashby Family of Schools proposed model		
Autumn			Autumn		
			Thursday	23.08.18	Teacher Training
Friday	24.08.18	Teacher Training	Friday	24.08.18	Teacher Training
Tuesday	28.08.18	Children return	Tuesday	28.08.18	Children return
Friday	12.10.18	Break up			
Half term	15.10 to 19.10		Friday	19.10.18	Teacher Training
Monday	22.10.18	Children return	Half term	22.10 to 26.10	
			Monday	29.10.18	Children return
Friday	21.12.18	Break up			
			Friday	21.12.18	Break up
Spring			Spring		
Friday	04.01.19	Teacher Training	Friday	04.01.19	Teacher Training
Monday	07.01.19	Children return	Monday	07.01.19	Teacher Training
			Tuesday	08.01.9	Children return
Friday	15.02.19	Break up	Friday	15.02.19	Break up
Half term	18.02 to 22.02		Half term	18.02 to 22.02	
Monday	25.02.19	Children return	Monday	25.02.19	Children return
			Friday	05.04.19	Break up
Friday	12.04.19	Break up			
Summer			Summer		
			Tuesday	23.04.19	Children return
Monday	29.04.19	Children return			
Monday	06.05.19	Bank holiday	Monday	06.05.19	Bank holiday
Friday	24.05.19	Break up	Friday	24.05.19	Break up
Half term	27.05 to 31.05		Half term	27.05 to 31.05	
Monday	03.06.19	Children return	Monday	03.06.19	Children return
Friday	12.07.19	Break up	Friday	12.07.19	Break up

In the Local Authority model, schools must allocate three additional Teacher Training days within the term dates, where the children do not attend school. In the proposed model, the additional three days have already been added.