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Dear Parents/Carers

As a trust, we would like to thank parents and carers for taking the time to respond to our consultation. A range of viewpoints have been represented and it is clear that there are strong feelings on each side. The questions of whether to open for INSET week has certainly split opinion although what we are all united on is that any solution needs to work in the best interests of children.

With this in mind, trustees and the leadership team, have taken the difficult decision to open for INSET week but to honour any holidays already booked by families and staff. The trust will also need to honour its commitments to staff who have already worked extra hours as time in lieu towards INSET. This will be done with the following adjustments to the annual calendar: school to be open for the week beginning 24th May. School to reopen on 1st September 2021 for pupils rather than the 31st August as previously published.

Please note attendance for the week beginning 24th May will be compulsory for all pupils where families have not already booked a holiday. Finally across the responses to our consultation was a widespread appreciation of the hard work of staff to make a success of remote learning while also teaching the children of key workers and dealing with unprecedented circumstances. This is an appreciation shared by trustees and the leadership team.

Thank you once again for your support and to the many of you who responded to our consultation.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Joanne Knapp

Principal