



9 March 2020

Consultation re: Term Dates

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you that the Local Governing Body are considering a change to Isebrook's term dates. In line with a number of schools we are concerned for the health of our students and the mental health and wellbeing of our staff especially during the long winter term. Following research into different options, we propose to change the October half term break from one week to two weeks.

This will give additional time for students and staff to recharge their batteries during what is the longest term of the academic year. Our own absence data (student and staff) shows a marked increase in illness as the winter term unfolds.

Our intention is to even out the terms adding additional days in the summer term.

Please see attached the proposed term dates for 2020 – 21 and 2021 – 22. As you will see we have placed two staff training days during the October half term which will be disaggregated and taken as twilight/inset sessions throughout the year. In addition, you will note that students will still attend for the statutory 190 days.

We would welcome any feedback on this proposal by 3:00pm Tuesday 17th March. Please send your comments by letter to the school office or by email to ioffice@isebrook.co.uk.

We aim to inform you of the outcome of this consultation as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School