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Dear Parents/Carers

TERM DATES
2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

I write to advise you that our term dates for the next academic year vary from those on the Leicestershire County Council website and those previously advised last year.

The Headteachers and Governors of all the local schools have worked together to provide consistent term dates throughout the Ashby schools and therefore fall more in line with Ivanhoe College and Ashby School. All individual schools have the right to alter any teacher training days to suit their own whole school development needs. Please see overleaf for details.

I am sure you will appreciate the early notice informing you of these changes. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mr M Brookes
Headteacher

School Term Dates - Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term

Schools Open	Tuesday morning 29 th August 2017
Additional Teacher Inset Day	Friday 20 th October (children not in school)
Mid-Term Break	Monday 23 th to Friday 27 th October 2017
Schools Close	Friday evening 22 nd December 2017
Number of school days:	78

Spring Term

Schools Open	Tuesday morning 9 th January 2018
Mid-Term Break	Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2018
Schools Close	Friday evening 23 rd March 2018
Number of working days:	49

Summer Term

Schools Open	Monday morning 9 th April 2018
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May 2018
Mid-Term Break	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018
Schools Close	Thursday evening 12 th July 2018
Number of working days:	63
Total school days	190

Teacher Days

Thursday 24th August 2017
Friday 25th August 2017
Friday 20th October 2017
Monday 8th January 2018
1 day disaggregated

Total working days for staff 195

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006

Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations in the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013](#). These amendments, as described below, will come into force on 1 September 2013.

Term-time holiday

The [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#) currently allow headteachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time in "special circumstances" of up to ten school days leave per year. Headteachers can also grant extended leave for more than ten school days in exceptional circumstances. Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may **not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Our updated Attendance Policy will reflect these amendments and therefore holidays will not be authorised from September. A copy of our updated policy to reflect the changes is available on the school website. The Policy will be part of the next Full Governing Body agenda in September.

For more information:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/attendance/a00223868/regulations-amendments>