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Dear Parents/Carers

Following consultation and the recent announcement by Doncaster Council regarding the changes to term dates for Doncaster Schools for academic year 2021-2022, I am writing out to inform you that Hatfield Woodhouse Primary School will not be following the new holiday pattern.

A further consultation has taken place within all Doncaster Delta schools and a decision made by Delta Academies trust not to adopt this new model.

In light of this decision there will however be a slight change to the holiday pattern for 2021/2022 as follows.

We will only be having one week holiday at October half term (not two as the majority of schools in Doncaster).

Easter will now be a fixed two week holiday regardless of when Easter falls. (Same as all Doncaster Schools)

We will continue to break up the third week in July. (one week earlier than the majority of schools in Doncaster).

Holidays during term time

Holidays during term time will not be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and an Education Penalty Notice will be requested from the local authority. If you are planning to remove your child from school to take them on holiday, please complete a Leave of Absence form, available from the office or below. Please be aware that if you do not complete a Leave of Absence form or inform school that you are taking your child on holiday but school has good reason to believe they are absent due to holiday, then an Education Penalty notice will still be requested. (Please refer to part c of section 3.1 *ISSUING A PENALTY NOTICE* of the attached Doncaster Council Code of Conduct for Education Penalty Notices May 2018).

The Penalty is £60 per parent per pupil and if not paid within 21 days this will increase to £120. Failure to pay the full amount within 28 days will result in a summons to appear in the Magistrates Court.

I have attached our updated holiday pattern for 2021/2022 for your attention.

Kind regards

H. Acton

Helen Acton