

16 December 2019

October Half Term Holiday

The Trust Board and its associated governance committees have discussed the October half term consultation at length. The Board valued the comments from supporters of the proposed two week break and those that disagreed when making its decision. Ultimately, the argument for the extended break with its benefits to combat pupil tiredness, workload and absence can be countered by those that disagree.

The community survey showed 57% were in favour of the two week break with 33% against. At school governance level this figure was 63% in favour with 18% against, with others highlighting the need for alignment with other schools.

The Board acknowledges the difficulty in setting a two week break for all NEST schools due to the pattern of schools within a locality in 2020. It has therefore been decided:

- To implement the two week October half term, as the Trust survey and majority of LCs were in favour.
- However, due to the irregular pattern of holidays in the borough for one year ONLY, schools can decide the length (one /two weeks) and positioning of the holiday for 2020 in line with their local schools.

At **Farnborough Primary School** it has been decided that the half term holiday in October 2020 will be **ONE** week.

The half term holiday will be from Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020.

In 2021 - 22 the pattern of holidays, will include a two week half term, with INSET days planned outside of pupil days for all NEST school. Dates will be sent at the beginning of the year.

Yours faithfully



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Farnborough Primary School

Term Dates 2020-2021

*Please note inset days are included within the dates above

Term	Term Dates
Autumn Term September 2020 – December 2020	Wednesday 2 September - Friday 23 October
	HALF TERM Half-term 26 October - 30 October
	Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December
Spring Term January 2021– March 2021	Wednesday 6 January - Friday 12 February
	HALF TERM Half-term 15 - 19 February
	Monday 22 February – Wednesday 31 March
Summer Term April 2021 – July 2021	Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May
	HALF TERM Half-term 31 May – 4 June
	Monday 7 June – Tuesday 20 July