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Dear Parent/Carer,

Notification of term dates for the academic year 2017/2018

Please be aware that our term dates for 2017/2018 will differ slightly from the Southampton City Council's published dates.

The main differences are that the first day back will be Monday 4th September 2017 (instead of Friday 1st September) and after the Christmas break, schools will reopen on Monday 8th January 2018, rather than returning on Thursday 4th January 2018.

The last day of the summer term will then be Wednesday 25th July 2018 instead of Friday 20th July 2018.

JET schools have made this decision because we believe there will be a better balance across term dates and breaks, ie Autumn term will begin on a Monday rather than a Friday and there will be a full two week break at Christmas.

Full details are as follows:

Autumn Term – Monday 4th September 2017 to Thursday 21st December 2017 (half term Mon 23rd to Friday 27th Oct 2017)

Spring Term – Monday 8th January 2018 – Thursday 29th March (half term Monday 12th to Friday 16th Feb 18)

Summer Term – Monday 16th April to Wednesday 25th July 2018 (half term Mon 28th May to Friday 1st June 18)

The first day of the Autumn Term, Monday 4th September will be an INSET day.

Further dates for INSET will be forwarded to you as is usual later in the year.

Yours sincerely

Annette Hixon
Head of School

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