

Dear Parents and Carers,

02 March 2022

I am writing to you all to open up a two-week consultation around term dates for the 2022/23 academic year.

I am proposing that we adopt an extended October half term break from Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November. I would like to make this change for the following reasons:

- Support attendance and holiday affordability- this extended half term will support families to have a holiday at a time when costs are cheaper than in the traditional half-term break, thus reducing the need to take holidays during term-time
- Support community wellbeing
- Support staff recruitment

How have we mitigated/offset the 5 days compared to this year?

- We have used our additional 4 inset days as an Academy and will use these as disaggregated twilight time for staff
- We have added a day onto the last day of summer term

As we are a community, I want to receive your views. Please kindly send an email to my Personal Assistant, Miss Low at clow@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk by 15th March only if you wish to oppose these changes. I will then speak with any families regarding these objections.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannah Fahey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hannah Fahey
Principal

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