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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to those parents who responded to the recent consultation on the proposed changes to the academic term dates for 2018-2019. There were 54 respondents in total and for your information; the results to each question are as follows:

1. Do you support the proposal of a two week half term break during the autumn term?

**Yes: 76%      No: 20%      No answer: 4%**

2. Do you support the proposed term dates for 2018 -2019?

**Yes: 76%      No: 20%      No answer: 4%**

3. Do you support the proposal of a Spring break (first two full weeks of April) rather than the current Easter break?

**Yes: 88%      No: 6%      No answer: 6%**

4. Would you be interested in using a Holiday Club, based at Avalon, available for children aged between 2 -11 years?

**Yes: 45%      Occasionally: 39%      No: 11%      No answer: 5%**

Amongst the respondents' additional comments there was a request to simplify arrangements for working parents by removing the 12 noon finish on the last day of each term. This was something also raised on the recent Parent Survey. As a first step towards this, for the academic year 2018- 2019 we have changed the last day of the spring and summer terms to full days, and only retained the 12 noon finish on the last day of the autumn term, following the Christmas Celebration Service.

In order to retain the optimum number of teaching days during the academic year, whilst also incorporating the three main consultation objectives, the academic term dates provides 173 teaching days. Please see the confirmed dates for the academic year 2018-2019, overleaf.

We recently sent out a 'Statement of Interest' letter to all parents, on behalf of the Holiday Club provider, S4YC. If you are interested in making use of this great facility during the School holidays, either on occasion or as a regular user, I would urge you to return the form as soon as possible. This will help us to work closely with S4YC and to establish the best possible service for all users.

Yours sincerely,

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**Avalon School**  
**Academic term dates 2018-2019**

**Autumn**

Staff INSET: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Term Dates: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 (inclusive)  
Term Dates: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (12 noon finish)

**Spring**

Staff INSET: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Term Dates: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 (inclusive)  
Term Dates: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (3.40pm finish)

**Summer**

Staff INSET: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Term Dates: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Easter Bank Holidays: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019  
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 (inclusive)  
Term Dates: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (3.40pm finish)

