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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Important Proposal: Aligning Our School Term Dates to Support Families

I am writing to share an important proposal regarding our school term dates for the **2027/28 academic year**.

Our school has historically followed a standardised Trust-wide holiday calendar. However, as the Trust has grown across multiple Local Authorities, we have recognised that maintaining a single, fixed holiday pattern has inadvertently created friction for our families. We know that when our holidays do not match the local schools, it can create frustrating disparate holiday periods for siblings and unnecessary childcare burdens for you.

Our school is proud to sit at the heart of this community. To prioritise our communities, alleviate parental childcare burdens, and support local cohesion, it is our intention to transition our school calendar to align with Nottinghamshire County Council's term dates, starting in September 2027.

What would this mean for you?

- **Family Support:** By synchronising with local feeder networks, our intention is to eliminate the mismatched holiday periods for siblings attending different local schools.
- **Plenty of Notice:** We are communicating this 2027/28 launch timeline, so you have ample time to review the proposal. Nothing will change for the current or upcoming academic year.

We are incredibly excited about this proposal, as adapting to community needs is important to us. However, before making any final decisions, we want to ensure a community-centric dialogue.

We are opening a consultation window to gather your feedback on this intention. We would like to hear your thoughts, especially if this proposed change highlights any specific local logistical hurdles (such as impacts on local buses or community services) so that we can plan accordingly.

Please share your thoughts by emailing us at **[office@birklandsschool.co.uk](mailto:office@birklandsschool.co.uk)** no later than **Friday, 26th June**. We will then spend time consolidating your feedback before formally confirming our dates.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,

Miss A Watson  
Head Teacher

