

9 February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The Linden Academy: Proposal for Change in Term Dates - 2018-2019

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who have contributed to one of our consultation events or who have provided verbal or written feedback to the consultation process.

The Board of Trustees of The Shared Learning Trust met on Thursday 8 February 2018 to discuss the above proposed change to The Linden Academy. Following the consideration of all the comments and views directly received during the consultation process and feedback from meetings, the trustees have taken the decision to move The Linden Academy to a 39 week school year from September 2018. The reason for this decision is the belief and ambition for the Academy to be outstanding in every area. To achieve this goal, the additional time will allow for a greater focus on the breadth and type of curriculum we offer as well as adapting our teaching approach and style to support greater pupil attainment. Whilst we understand that some parents are still feeling unsure about the rationale behind the change, we hope you will appreciate this is absolutely in the best interest of the Academy and all its stakeholders.

As per previous letters, I want to finish by reassuring all parents that this proposal has been made following careful consideration of the unique nature of The Linden Academy and the benefit to your children and their education.

Please continue to contact the school if you have any queries via:
linden@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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Chair of Board of Trustees