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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Term Dates for 2023-2024**

As part of the work being undertaken to merge The Pathway Academy Trust and The Galaxy Trust, we are now in a position to release term dates for 2023-2024 to you.

Given that each Trust has different term dates historically, but recognising the need for consistency moving forward, the Headteachers of both Trusts were tasked with reaching a conclusion regarding how to move forward from September 2023. We would like to thank all Heads that took part in this robust, yet collaborative meeting. We are pleased to say that Heads were able to reach an agreed format for term dates, from September 2023.

TERM 1	4/9/23 – 20/10/23 - (35 days)
TERM 2	6/11/23 – 15/12/23 - (30 days)
TERM 3	2/1/24 – 9/2/24 - (29 days)
TERM 4	19/2/24 – 28/3/24 - (29 days)
TERM 5	15/4/24 – 24/5/24 - (Bank holiday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024) (29 days)
TERM 6	3/6/24 - 24/7/24 - (38 days)

### **Total days for children in school – 190 days**

It should be noted that Headteachers made the decision to move to a consistent pattern of term dates, with the two week half term being repositioned for all schools, between Terms 1 and 2. There were several key factors which informed this decision, most importantly the clash of important dates around national Phonics testing, which could have been compromised with a proposed two week half term in June 2024.

We are aware that with the change to established holiday patterns for some schools (in particular the change of a two week break in June for TPAT schools), that some parents may have already booked holidays which now do not correspond to the 2023-2024 term dates. If this is the case, please inform your child's school at your earliest convenience, with proof of your holiday booking, so that this absence can be authorised. Any booking dated after Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November which will result in absence from school, will not be authorised.



As is reflective of the working practices of both Trusts, we will consult with staff, children and parents once we are in a position to set the dates for 2024-2025, to see if the established model of a two-week break is still the preferred model for organising school terms and holidays.

Best wishes,

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