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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Change to the term and holiday dates for 2023-2024

I hope that you and your families had a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Earlier this academic year, I shared with you the agreed school holiday dates for 2023-2024 from the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust (BBCET). The Trust decides the holiday dates for all of its 39 schools, in liaison with the Diocese and other Catholic Trusts. These dates were also uploaded to our school website.

As you may be aware, a number of concerns have been raised about the term dates for 2023-24. In particular, the misalignment of the half-term holidays with those of the Local Authorities.

Bishop Bewick's Trust Board of Directors have listened carefully to the issues caused by this situation and the implications for our families and staff team. As a result, the Trust have taken the decision to move the February 2024 half-term to **Monday 19th February 2024 to Friday 23rd February 2024**, to be in line with our three Local Authorities. It was felt that it was too late to change the October half-term as so many staff and families had already made concrete plans for this time and so the dates for October week 2023 will not change from those already published.

Once again, the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust apologises for any inconvenience this situation has caused for its staff, students and their families. We do hope that the revision of the February half-term will go some way to make the situation easier for everyone concerned. If, however, this change will cause you any difficulties, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year in school. Please do not worry, as we will be flexible where plans were made in good faith by parents and carers.

For your information, I have attached an updated copy of the term and holiday dates for 2023-2024 to this letter. The new February 2024 half-term dates are included. A copy will also be saved on the school website.

Finally, please be reassured that the 2024-2025 dates are in line with Newcastle and North Tyneside Local Authorities. We are told they align with Northumberland too, and will publish these term dates as soon as this is confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Very best wishes,

Miss Patterson
Headteacher





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Term and Holiday dates for 2023-2024



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	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term		Bank Holiday		School Holiday		INSET Day
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