

Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff

Please ask for:

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff

PROPOSED CHANGE TO INSET DAYS

Following the last consultation on school holiday dates in 2013, school term times, holiday dates and Inset dates were set until June 2019 and these have been made available on the Scottish Borders Council website. A number of Inset dates were set to take place on a Friday and with the implementation of the Asymmetric Week in 2014 there is a requirement to review the schedule of planned Inset days. The proposed changes would see Inset days due to take place at the end of the week move to the beginning of the week and instead of 2 Inset days in November, it is proposed to reduce this to one Inset day in November and increase the number in August to 2 days.

We are now seeking views from parents, pupils, staff and anyone else with an interest on the proposed changes. Views can be submitted in the following ways:

- Sending comments to the following e-mail address: ParentCarerViews@scotborders.gov.uk
- Sending comments to the following address: Elaine Hunter, Children & Young People's Services, Scottish Borders Council, Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA
- Submit comments to the school Parent Council who will collate and submit comments from the school.

The proposed INSET dates are as follows:

Session 2016/17

- Monday 15 August 2016
- Tuesday 16 August 2016 (term starts for pupils Wednesday 17 August)
- Monday 14 November 2016
- Monday 20 February 2017
- Tuesday 2 May 2017

Session 2017/18

- Monday 14 August 2017
- Tuesday 15 August 2017 (term starts for pupils Wednesday 16 August)
- Monday 13 November 2017
- Monday 19 February 2018
- Tuesday 8 May 2018

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Session 2018/19

- Monday 20 August 2018
- Tuesday 21 August 2018 (term starts for pupils Wednesday 22 August)
- Monday 12 November 2018
- Monday 25 February 2019
- Tuesday 7 May 2019.

The final date for submission of comments will be the 15 April 2016. Confirmation of INSET dates for 2016/17 onwards will be issued early in the spring term.

Yours sincerely

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