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**STEP TERM DATES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you regarding the recent two week break which we had for the October 2020 half term. Further to previous correspondence, we said that we would ask you for any feedback after the holiday.

Although this year has been unusual due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we believe there are still several benefits of an extended break in the longest term of the year, as outlined previously. The main benefits were to allow pupils to be able to consolidate and reflect on learning that has taken place as well as allowing children to return to school well rested and motivated for the remainder of the term.

As there has not been and would not be a reduction in the number of teaching days, families have also had greater flexibility throughout the year. This has enabled parents and carers to plan with greater certainty due to the reduction of the number of days during which the schools are closed for staff training.

To assist with us setting term dates for 2021/2022, we should be grateful for any comments you may have on the two week October half term break by Friday 20th November. Please submit your feedback via this online survey link <https://forms.gle/2vKTutFL88B5p7TT9>.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Mitchell and STEP Trust