

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Dear parents and carers

St Clare's Co-operative Academy Trust is responsible for determining the school term times and school holidays of your child's school.

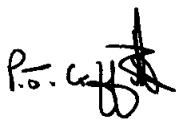
The board of trustees will meet in March 2017 to consider a proposal from our schools to change the autumn term dates and move to a two week October half-term holiday for all schools in the trust. In the next academic year, 2017-18, the proposed change would see the autumn half-term break starting on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with children returning to school on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Each school would be responsible for making adjustments to its own timetable to ensure learning time is not lost. You are probably aware that this change has already happened in many schools in the Thurrock area.

Your opinion is important to us and we would be very grateful for your comments on the above proposal. You can reach us via email to [consultation@stcleres.coop](mailto:consultation@stcleres.coop), or in writing, addressed to Trust Secretary, c/o St Clare's School, Butts Lane, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0NW. The closing date for your comments is 12 noon on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The decision of the trustees will be made public before schools break up for the spring holiday, on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Any change would be implemented in the academic year 2017-18.

Yours faithfully



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