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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Inset Days for 2020/2021

We are pleased to be able to confirm with you the additional inset days for the academic year 2020-2021.

We have already announced our inset day on Wednesday 27 January 2021. This is set by Maiden Erlegh Trust and is in place across all of their schools. This leaves three additional days to be allocated throughout the school year.

At Great Hollands, we are fiercely determined to help all our children make a rapid return to the normal education routines that were disrupted last year. We want to minimise any avoidable time out of school, to best help our pupils reach their maximum potential.

After consulting with the teachers, we all agreed that learning should continue uninterrupted as much as possible.

In light of this, the teachers have agreed to undertake their normal inset day training during the evenings across the school year, rather than during an allocated school inset day. Their flexibility means that although there will be sessions where they will be working late into the evening, in the long term it ensures we can continue to provide uninterrupted learning for our pupils throughout the autumn and spring terms when they most need the time to catch back up.

I am extremely grateful to all our teachers for making this change to their working week.

This means that the remaining three inset days will be allocated to the last three days of the Summer Term in July 2021, meaning our last day of Summer Term will be Friday 16 July 2021. Full term dates for the year can be found on our website here.

We hope that by sharing this information now, you are able to plan your summer arrangements as necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris Headteacher