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INSET Days 2026-27

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about a small change to our planned INSET days for the 2026–27 academic year.

During the summer holidays, Cumberland Council will be carrying out significant electrical works across the school site. As the Local Authority will be taking control of the building for this work, the school will not be accessible until later in the holidays. This will leave our staff with less time to complete the essential cleaning, preparation and classroom set-up needed before welcoming children back for the new school year.

To ensure we have sufficient time to prepare the school safely and to the high standard that our children deserve, we have made the decision to amend our September and January INSET days. These revised dates also bring us into line with William Howard School, which we hope will be helpful for families with children attending both schools.

The changes are as follows:

- **Children in Reception and Years 1-6 will now return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026 (instead of Wednesday 2nd September).**
- **Monday 4th January 2027 will now be a normal school day for pupils (instead of an INSET day).**

These changes differ slightly from the suggested INSET dates published in the Cumberland Council term dates, but remain within the flexibility schools have to determine their five staff training days each year.

We appreciate that changes to published dates can be inconvenient and apologise for any disruption this may cause. However, we hope the additional preparation time will ensure the school is ready for a smooth and successful start to the new academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Armstrong
Headteacher

