

---

3 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I trust this letter finds you well and that your child(ren) are settling into what I hope has been a fantastic start to the school year.

For those of you who are new to our community, I am the CEO of RAISE Education Trust and ultimately responsible for the educational and community provision that exists across Boorley Park School, Deer Park School and Wildern School.

As CEO I am incredibly proud of the work and achievements of our schools, the dedication of our staff and ultimately the achievements of 3000 young people who pass through our doors each day.

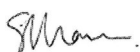
For parents/carers new to the Trust, an extensive consultation happened last academic year to consider the potential of a two week half term holiday in the Autumn Term. Given all the evidence and feedback, Trustees at the time were unable to support the decision for this academic year due to the relatively short notice period we would be giving our parental body. However, I was asked by Trustees to bring a further proposal this Autumn for Trustees to consider again.

I am therefore writing to inform you that for the next academic year all three schools will have an extended October half term holiday that will run from 19th October to the 30th October 2026. This will run initially as a one-year trial and then following a thorough review, it is hoped that this will become a permanent fixture in our school calendar.

To ensure that no learning time is lost, your child's school will be sending out further information during the course of this year detailing slight alterations to the school day in 2026/2027.

I want to extend my thanks once again to all parents and carers who participated in the initial consultation; your valuable input helped inform this final decision.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Mann  
CEO  
RAISE Education Trust

---