

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a recent consultation with the other Lowton and Golborne primary schools, we have taken the decision to amend the school holiday pattern for academic years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Starting in 2021 the May half term holiday will be two weeks long. The decision to go to two weeks holiday is based on analysis of unauthorised absences, which have increased during each summer term over the past three year period. All the Lowton and Golborne primary schools have agreed to a similar holiday pattern. We intend to trial this for two years to see if there is a reduction in the number of unauthorised absences.

This decision was also made with the best interest of our families. Hopefully this will support you with different options and affordable holidays. Ultimately, it will help you to avoid taking your child out of school during term time.

You will find a copy of the new school holiday pattern for 2020-21 and 2021-22 on the school website at [www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk) A paper copy is available from the school office upon request. Please take time to familiarise yourselves with the changes as it has been necessary to change some term start and finish dates to accommodate the longer May half term holiday.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher