

14th May 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

As you are aware, all schools have five training days throughout the year. These are used by schools to enable ongoing professional development and training for all school staff.

As a trust we have used at least one of the days to bring staff together to work on areas that are common to all schools.

During this academic year we have been working on the development of writing. This is something that is central to the success of all children within school. Strong foundations, skills and knowledge are essential for pupils to fully access the curriculum both within primary and secondary school.

Next academic year we are further developing our approach and have a comprehensive package of training throughout the year to support our teachers in the delivery of highly effective lessons. This necessitates us bringing together staff from across the trust during teacher training (INSET) days.

Unfortunately, it also means that there has been the need for some schools to change some of the already published INSET days for 2026/27. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

The 2026/27 training days for Riverside School are:

- Monday 7th September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Monday 4th January 2026
- Monday 15th February 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027

Thank you for your understanding, we firmly believe the outcomes from our training will have a significant impact on the quality of our writing curriculum and the experience of your child.

Yours sincerely



Steve Lewis

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