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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Additional Teacher Development Day – Friday 29th March 2019

I am writing to give you advance notice that the Excalibur Academies Trust have given me permission as the new Principal for St John's to have an additional Teacher Development Day during this academic year. The day will be **Friday 29th March**. This will mean that the school will be closed to students on that day whilst the staff undertake a day of whole school training, developing our vision to provide the highest quality teaching and learning experience for all students. The day will be led by Jim Smith, an exceptional leader in education. Jim is a senior leader in a school in Clevedon and he is the author of 'The Lazy Teacher's Handbook' and 'Follow Me, I Am Right Behind You'.

Students will be set work via Show My Homework and will be expected to complete the set work on this day so that their teachers can give them feedback.

This is a real opportunity for St John's staff to have a very strong professional development experience and I would like to thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Ian Tucker
Principal

