



The Best That We Can Be
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few months we have been working very closely with the 'Department for Education' (DfE), our Trust Board and a successful Blackpool Primary School to identify a strategy to improve our standards of reading - even more quickly than we currently are.

I am delighted that we have recently been informed that the DfE have awarded us a substantial amount of money to implement the '**Success For All Learning Programme**'. This programme is proven to raise standards for all children, not only in reading, but across the whole school curriculum and all aspects of school life. Research has shown that in many cases children can make months of progress in a matter of weeks. The programme is also something we could not have funded without the financial support from the DfE.

The success of this initiative is based on a consistent approach, systematic learning, high quality resources and focused lessons. It is essential that this programme starts immediately on our return to school in September. In order to achieve this, a huge amount of training and planning needs to take place before the summer break. Therefore, the Trust Board of the Blackpool Multi Academy Trust have agreed that at the end of this term, we will **close two days early**. This means that the **last day of term will be Friday 19th July** rather than Tuesday 23rd July. This will enable all staff to have two full days training before the summer break.

This unprecedented decision has not been taken lightly and I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you do feel the need to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me via the academy office.

I would like to conclude by reiterating that this is an exciting and invaluable opportunity for all the children of Devonshire Primary Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Toyne
Headteacher