

Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title	School Term and Holiday Dates 2018-2019	
Decision designation	GREEN	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Claire Darke	
Wards affected	All	
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Originating service	School Standards	
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Report has been considered by	Regional Term Dates Panel Wolverhampton School Staff COSWOP (Teacher Unions)	Jan - April 2017

Summary

As a result of consultation with interested groups, the arrangements for the school term and holiday dates for the 2018-19 academic year have been identified.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Director of Education, approves the arrangements for the school term and holiday dates 2018-19:

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September 2018 – Friday 26 October 2018 (Half Term: Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November)	40 teacher days (5 days)
Monday 5 November 2018 – Friday 21 December 2018 (75 days)	35 teacher days

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January 2019 – Friday 15 February 2019 (Half Term: Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February)	30 teacher days (5 days)
Monday 25 February 2019 – Friday 12 April 2019 (65 days)	35 teacher days

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29 April 2019 – Friday 24 May 2019 (Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May)	19 teacher days (5 days)
Monday 3 June 2019 – Monday 22 July 2019 (54 days)	36 teacher days

Total: (195 days)

Please note that the total of 195 days includes five inset days, which are to be set by the school

Bank Holidays

25 and 26 December 2018	(Christmas)
1 January 2019	(New Year's Day)
19 April 2019	(Good Friday)
22 April 2019	(Easter Monday)
6 May 2019	(Early May)
27 May 2019	(Spring Bank Holiday)

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the outcome of responses received during consultation and to approve circulation of the school term and holiday dates 2018-2019.

2.0 Options

- 2.1 It is the statutory responsibility of each Council to set term and holiday dates for maintained schools in its area. This is undertaken on an annual basis following consultation with interested groups.
- 2.2 Over recent years there has been discussion at a regional level, through the Regional Term Dates Setting Panel, as well as consultation between local teacher associations, other unions and schools to enable dates to be aligned with those of our neighbouring councils.
- 2.3 As a result of regional discussions two options were presented for consultation with schools and teacher unions. Option two illustrated a change to the standard pattern with a five-week summer holiday and an extended two-week Autumn half-term break.
- 2.4 The second option was presented as concerns had been raised about the length and demanding nature of the Autumn term causing stress and fatigue for students and pupils. It could also be beneficial in reducing the effects of such a long break on children's learning and the time which vulnerable learners lack access to services.
- 2.5 The following two options were chosen as the basis for wider consultation across Wolverhampton.

2.5.1 Option One – The standard pattern

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Monday 3 September 2018 – Friday 26 October 2018	40 teacher days
(Half Term: Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November)	(5 days)
Monday 5 November 2018 – Friday 21 December 2018	35 teacher days
(75 days)	

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2.5.2 Option Two – Five week summer holiday, with extended summer break

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September 2018 – Friday 19 October 2018	35 teacher days
(Half Term: Monday 22 October – Friday 2 November)	(10 days)
Monday 5 November 2018 – Thursday 20 December 2018	34 teacher days
(69 days)	

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January 2019 – Friday 15 February 2019	32 teacher days
(Half Term: Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February)	(5 days)
Monday 25 February 2019 – Friday 12 April 2019	35 teacher days
(67 days)	

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29 April 2019 – Friday 24 May 2019	19 teacher days
(Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May)	(5 days)
Monday 3 June 2019 – Friday 26 July 2019	40 teacher days
(59 days)	

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6 May 2019
27 May 2019

(Early May)
(Spring Bank Holiday)

2.5.3 As a result of the consultation exercise, option one has been shown to be the preferred model and the most common one chosen by our neighbouring local authorities and teacher unions.

2.6 It is recommended that the proposed term and holiday dates in option one are approved.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this report.
[HM/26042017/U]

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 Under section 32 of the Education Act 2002, the Council has a duty to fix dates for terms and holidays for Community, Voluntary Controlled, Community Special Schools and Maintained Nurseries.
[Legal Code: TS/12042017/P]

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 An initial screening undertaken on this report shows a full equality analysis is not needed as there are no equality implications.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 There are no environmental implications resulting from this report.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 There are no human resource implications.

8.0 Corporate Landlord implications

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 Term Dates 18_19 Survey Response Summary
School Term and Holiday Dates 2017-2018