

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E2946

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018-19 Academic Year

Decision maker/s	Cllr Michael Evans, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
The Issue	To determine the school term and holiday dates for the 2018-19 Academic Year.
Decision Date	11 th April 2017
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note that Academies, Foundation, Free Schools and Voluntary Aided Schools have the power to determine their own term and holiday dates. 2) In order to maximise consistency of dates for the benefit of children and their parents, to recommend to all schools the Council's preferred calendar of School Term and Holiday dates for the academic year 2018-19 based on a 195 day calendar, as set out in the report.
Rationale for decision	The dates recommended in this report should be adopted by the majority of schools and similar to those adopted by neighbouring authorities
Financial and budget implications	<p>The standard academic year is based on 195 school days. Schools are open for 190 days and 5 days are used for in-service training. The Home to School transport budget is based on the financial year and is adjusted annually depending on the number of days which schools are open in the financial year. There will normally be 190 school days when we provide transport. However depending on when the Easter Holiday falls this can vary slightly from year to year. If the Easter holiday means the number of days increase in one year this is usually compensated by a fall in the following year and vice versa.</p> <p>If as a result of a school adopting their own dates there is an increase in Home to School Transport costs the Council will recover the additional cost from the school.</p>
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Impact on Staff;

Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Trades Unions; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	<p>Consultation took place with all schools between the 16th January and the 3rd March 2017.</p> <p>The Palladian Academy Trust responded to say they were in favour of the proposed dates.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested the April holiday was moved to the 15th to the 26th April. However this will mean the length of term 4 is 7 weeks and the length of term 5 will only be 3 weeks and 4 days.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with neighbouring authorities who are consulting on similar dates to those shown in the 195 day model.</p> <p>The proposed dates were also placed on the consultations page of the Council website.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with the Recognised Teacher Professional Associations.</p>
Other options considered	None
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
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