

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after 21 April 2018	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE
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TITLE:	School Term and Holiday Dates 2019-20 Academic Year	
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Appendix A School Term and Holiday Dates 2019-20 Academic Year		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider the school term and holiday dates for the 2019-20 Academic Year

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is asked;

- 2.1 To note that Academies, Foundation, Free Schools and Voluntary Aided Schools have the power to determine their own term and holiday dates.
- 2.2 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 2019-20 based on a 195 day calendar, as set out in Appendix A.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Education [Schools and Further Education] Regulations indicate that in each academic year a school shall be open to receive pupils for not less than 380 sessions or 190 days. These proposed dates satisfy those requirements.
- 4.2 To try and achieve consistency in dates across all schools the Local Authority will recommend a set of dates for approval by individual Governing Bodies

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Before the 2014-15 Academic year the calendar was based on a 195 day model with 5 in-service days being taken within these dates.
- 5.2 For the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Academic Year the Cabinet agreed to set a calendar based on a 190 day model with 5 in-service days being taken outside of these dates.
- 5.3 This decision was not universally popular with schools and as a result for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years the Local authority agreed a 195 day model.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 The dates recommended in this report should be adopted by the majority of schools and are similar to those being consulted upon by neighbouring authorities.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation took place with all schools between the 16th January and the 3rd March 2017.
- 8.2 The Palladian Academy Trust responded to say they were in favour of the proposed dates and would welcome alignment with neighbouring authorities.
- 8.3 Consultation has taken place with neighbouring authorities who are consulting on similar dates to those shown in the 195 day model.
- 8.4 The proposed dates were also placed on the consultations page of the Council website.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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