

**Single Member Cabinet Decision****Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference****E3128****School Term and Holiday Dates 2020-21 Academic Year**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	<b>Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's Services</b>
<b>The Issue</b>	To determine the school term and holiday dates for the 2020-21 Academic Year.
<b>Decision Date</b>	26 Feb 2019
<b>The decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that;-</p> <p>To note that Multi Academy Trusts, Academies, Foundation, Free Schools and Voluntary Aided Schools have the power to determine their own term and holiday dates.</p> <p>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 2020-21 based on a 195 day calendar, as set out in Appendix A.</p>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The dates recommended in this report should be adopted by the majority of schools and similar to those adopted by neighbouring authorities
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	<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>
<b>Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)</b>	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations

<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	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
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	<p>Consultation took place with all schools between the 7th November and the 21st December 2018.</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>
<b>Other options considered</b>	None
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:</b>	
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	