

Record of Decisions

School Term and Holiday Dates 2016/17 and 2017/18

Decision Taker

Director of Children's Services on 12 February 2015

Decision

1. That the school term and holiday dates for 2016 - 2017 set out at Appendix 1 and 2017 – 2018 set out at Appendix 2 to this record of decisions be approved.
2. That schools be recommended to:
 - (a) allocate 5 training days at the discretion of the governors; and
 - (b) have common one-week half-terms.

Reason for the Decision

The determination of school term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools is a statutory function.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 20 March 2015 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Council has a statutory duty to determine the school term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools. In foundation, voluntary aided schools and academies the governing body is responsible for agreeing term and holiday dates.

All maintained schools are required to be open for pupils on 190 days and Teachers must be available for work for 195 days to include 5 professional development days.

We requested that schools, governors and unions consider the adoption of the provisional school term dates and that five further training days be allocated at the discretion of the governors.

The proposals were accepted by all schools who replied by the consultation deadline with the exception of Torquay Boys Grammar school, Churston Ferrers Grammar school and St Cuthbert Mayne school whose 2017/18 Autumn term ends two days later than the 15th December proposed, and their 2017/18 term starts two days later to compensate for this. The school term dates enclosed are recommended for approval (**Appendices 1 and 2**).

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I019384

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Director of Children's Services

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