

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	18 January 2017
Title:	School term and holiday dates for 2018/19
Reference:	8017
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Executive Member for Education on the need to decide the pattern of school term and holiday dates for school year 2018/19 and to note the outcomes of the consultation process that has been followed.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. It is the responsibility of a local authority to schedule a school year which provides the statutory 190 pupil days and 195 teacher days in voluntary controlled and community schools. The structure for delivering this entitlement has been the subject of national and local debate in recent years.
- 2.2. The Local Government Association (LGA) National Standing Committee on the School Year has, in the past, been active in seeking to establish a National School Year but this process has now ended.
- 2.3. Hampshire teachers' professional associations, represented by the Conditions of Service Working Party (CoSWoP), have worked closely with officers of the local authority over several years in order to secure an agreed approach to setting dates for the county's schools.
- 2.4. Establishing more balanced term lengths with regular breaks supports an aim of the corporate strategy, to maximising wellbeing, by helping schools and families to plan learning more effectively. Another aim, Hampshire, safer and more secure for all, is supported by achieving agreement on dates across the county, so that schools and their communities can work effectively together in school and out of school hours.
- 2.5. Children benefit from good attendance in school; in particular it supports educational achievement and lays the foundation for a positive contribution to society and economic well-being. Properly structured periods of learning and

rest help children to remain healthy, enjoy their school time and achieve more. The publication of dates well in advance enables families to plan holidays and arrange childcare so that school attendance need not be compromised.

3. Outline of Proposal

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Education approves the school term and holiday dates that are proposed from the consultation and are set out in Appendix 1 of the report, for the school year 2018/19.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. For the school year 2018/19 Hampshire County Council (HCC) and representatives from CoSWoP devised a pattern of school term and holiday dates. It included the features that are an aim of the consultation in Hampshire.
- 4.2. The proposed pattern of holiday and term dates is shown in Appendix 1. Key features of the proposed pattern are half term lengths that are consistent with the usual school year pattern taking account of Christmas, Easter and summer GCSE and A Level examinations timetable.
- 4.3. Schools were invited to comment using on the proposed pattern of dates via a School's Communication dated 2 November 2015, comments being required by 9 December 2016. In total, 27 schools responded, 17 supporting the proposal. A number of schools (10) have suggested that the Autumn term runs until the end of the week, i.e. 21 December which would then allow a return to school on Monday 7th January. Although this achieves the removal of 2 part weeks it does require the term lasting until only 4 days before Christmas Day itself.
- 4.4. Given that a number of schools had made the same specific alternative proposal email was used to carry out a straw poll of all school's headteachers. There were 215 responses, 52 supporting the proposed school year and 163 preferring the alternative suggestion of finishing the autumn term on 21 December 2018 and returning to school on 7 January 2019.
- 4.5. The proposed pattern, including the Friday finish but later return after the New Year is recommended to the Executive Member as preferred by those schools and best meeting the requirements that are applied to designing the school year.

5. Recommendation(s)

- 5.1. That the Executive Member for Education approves the school term and holiday dates as supported by representative members of Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Conditions of Service Working Party (CoSWoP) and set out in Appendix 1 of the report, for the school year 2018/19.

Appendix 1

SEPTEMBER 2018							OCTOBER 2018							NOVEMBER 2018						
M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26	
T		4	11	18	25		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28		F	5	12	19	26			F	2	9	16	23	30	
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24		
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	7	14	21	28			S	4	11	18	25		
DECEMBER 2018							JANUARY 2019							FEBRUARY 2019						
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28		M		4	11	18	25	
T		4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29		T		5	12	19	26	
W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30		W		6	13	20	27	
T		6	13	20	27		T	3	10	17	24	31		T		7	14	21	28	
F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25			F	1	8	15	22		
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26			S	2	9	16	23		
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24		
MARCH 2019							APRIL 2019							MAY 2019						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27	
T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29	
T		7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F	5	12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24	31	
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24	31		S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26		
JUNE 2019							JULY 2019							AUGUST 2019						
M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26	
T		4	11	18	25		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28		F	5	12	19	26			F	2	9	16	23	30	
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24	31	
S	2	9	16	23	30		S	7	14	21	28			S	4	11	18	25		

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day	25 December 2018	Easter Monday	22 April 2019
Boxing Day	26 December 2018	May Day Holiday	6 May 2019
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2019	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019
Good Friday	19 April 2019	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019

* First day after break

School Holidays

Bank Holidays and National Holidays

Last day before break

** see overleaf

Appendix 1

Autumn Term 2018 starts on Monday 3 September 2018 and ends on Wednesday 19 December 2018 (Half term from Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018)

Spring Term 2019 starts on Thursday 3 January 2019 and ends on Friday 5 April 2019 (Half term from Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019)

Summer Term 2019 starts on Tuesday 23 April 2019 and ends on Wednesday 24 July 2019 (Half term from Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2018	3 September 2018	19 December 2018
	Half term 22 – 26 October 2018	
Spring 2019	3 January 2019	5 April 2019
	Half term 18 - 22 February 2019	
Summer 2019	23 April 2019	24 July 2019
	Half term 27 May – 31 May 2019	

Please note that the dates as published are correct.

It has now been agreed and confirmed that 3 September 2018 is the start date for the Autumn Term 2018/19.

Please also note that the first day of the Autumn Term in September 2019 will not be determined until the 2018/19 timetable has been consulted upon and approved in January 2018.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Consultation responses	Children's Services Department available on request.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. No adverse impact identified

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No adverse impact identified.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? N/a
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? N/a