

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN

23RD MARCH 2018

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Glynog Davies	Education & Children

APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the Executive Board Member approves the proposed School Terms and Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2019/20.

Reasons:

To agree School Terms and Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2019/20.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

Welsh Ministers used the Education (Wales) Act 2014 to make legislative changes to how term dates are set in order to enable harmonisation of school term dates for all maintained schools.

These changes mean that local authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary aided and foundation schools must work with each other to ensure term dates are the same or as similar as possible. They can also be directed by the Welsh Ministers on what their term dates must be, if those dates are not harmonised, or if they need changing.

In line with this, the School Terms and Holiday Dates for 2019/20 were prepared following discussion and general consultation with neighbouring Authorities:

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 2 nd Sept 19	Mon 28 th Oct 19	Fri 1 st Nov 19		Fri 20 th Dec 19
Spring	Mon 6 th Jan 20	Mon 17 th Feb 20	Fri 21 st Feb 20		Fri 3 rd Apr 20
Summer	Mon 20 th Apr 20	Mon 25 th May 20	Fri 29 th May 20		Mon 20 th July 20

Easter Sunday – Sunday 12th April 2020; May Day – Monday 4th May 2020.

[The notifications exercise in the summer of last year brought about near total harmonisation of term dates, therefore the Minister decided not to use her discretionary powers to harmonise term dates and therefore there was no need of a consultation. Nevertheless, it is expected that all local authorities finalise the dates that they had provisionally set for 2019/20, which were the same throughout Wales.]

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Gareth Morgans

Director – Department for Education & Children

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Gareth Morgans

Director – Department for Education & Children

1. Scrutiny Committee - n/a
2. Local Member(s) – n/a
3. Community / Town Council – n/a
4. Relevant Partners – n/a
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – n/a

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE.