

**20 MAY 2016**

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. G O Jones</b>	<b>Education &amp; Children</b>

**APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

That the Executive Board Member approves the proposed School Terms and Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2018/19.

**Reasons:**

To agree School Terms and Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2018/19.

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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 <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER EDUCATION AND CHILDREN

### 20 May 2016

#### SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

##### 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 2018/19 were prepared following discussion and general consultation with neighbouring Authorities:

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
<b>Autumn</b>	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 18	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 18	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 18	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 18
<b>Spring</b>	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 19	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 19	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 19	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 19
<b>Summer</b>	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 19	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May 19	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May 19	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 19

*Easter Sunday – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019; May Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

Comments were invited from Headteachers on the School Strategy and Budget Forum and one response was received, noting that the proposed dates would mean that schools would be closed on St David's Day.

**Please note that the school terms and holiday dates approved by the Executive Board Member are subject to the harmonisation arrangements referred to above. Term dates are therefore not finalised until confirmation has been received from the Welsh Ministers.**

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**

Head of Education Services

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

## CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **Gareth Morgans**

Head of Education Services

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.**