

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**3 February 2015**

**Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**School Term Dates – 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To ask the Cabinet Member to consider the recommendation to amend the school term dates approved on 4 February 2014, for community, voluntary controlled community special and maintained nursery schools. The proposed changes are for the 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years.

**2 Information and Analysis**

- 2.1 In recent years Derbyshire County Council has sought to achieve a consistent approach to the setting of School Term and Holiday dates with its neighbouring authorities. The basis of this has been an agreement reached in 2004 between the Local Government Association (LGA) and NASUWT which established a set of principles for agreeing school term and holiday dates. These principles followed in part from the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Organisation of the School Year. The Independent Commission stated the following principles to underpin delivering a national pattern. Although a national pattern is no longer sought, the same principles have been adopted in seeking to achieve local consistency.
- Start the school year on a September date as near as possible to 1 September
  - Equalise, as far as possible, teaching and learning blocks
  - Establish a two-week spring break in early April, irrespective of the incidence of the Easter bank holiday
  - Maintain a summer holiday of at least six weeks
  - Identify and agree annually designated periods of holiday, including the summer holiday, where Head teachers are recommended not to arrange teacher in-service training days
- 2.2 Since the Cabinet Member report, agreed on 4 February 2014, the authority has been approached by the Secondary Head teachers' Forum to consider amending to

the pattern of Term Dates in order for school years to commence earlier each September and, consequently, finish earlier in the following July. The Head teachers expressed concern that Derbyshire schools began the autumn term 2014 later than some other nearby local authorities and this pattern is set to continue. They articulated the desire to maximise the learning time available in the school year, prior to the examination period. Primary schools, Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools are consulted regarding proposed term dates through the area Headteacher meetings.

- 2.3 The trade unions and professional associations have been consulted through Schools' Joint Consultative Committee and have agreed to the proposed changes to the previously agreed school term dates. There was support across the committee for making best use of the available term time, in line with the first of the principles listed above. This agreement was reached despite one summer break of only 5 weeks and 3 days being required in order to shift the pattern for future years.
- 2.4 It is not recommended to make any amendments to the agreed term dates for the 2015/16 academic year as it is possible that parents and staff may already have made holiday arrangements for summer 2015 on the basis of the published information.
- 2.5 It is proposed to make the changes listed below from the commencement of the autumn term 2016.
- 2.6 Derby City was informed of the term dates agreed on 4 February 2014, as particular consideration was given to children who may attend schools in this neighbouring authority. There are a number of other local authorities bordering Derbyshire but it is not feasible to co-ordinate with them all since the LGA ceased to publish recommended term dates and local authorities undertook to adopt these where possible. However, the changes proposed in this report were first mooted in response to the patterns adopted by other neighbouring authorities. The views of Derby City on the proposed amendments to term dates have been sought.
- 2.7 While it has been announced that all schools will have the freedom to set their own school holiday pattern from September 2015, it is believed that there is still a role for the local authority to formulate a recommended academic calendar to promote consistency within a geographic area and minimise difficulties for families with siblings attending different schools. Subject to Member approval, the Council will strongly recommend that schools should adopt the attached schedule of term and holiday dates for the years 2016/17 to 2019/20.
- 2.8 Proposed academic calendars for the period between September 2016 and August 2020 are included as Appendix A. In summary, the amendments are:-

#### 2016/17

Return Monday 5 September

Christmas, 1<sup>st</sup> day of holiday Wednesday 21 December 2016

Return Tuesday 3 January 2017

1st day of Summer Vacation, Monday 24 July

2017/18

Return Monday 4 September

Christmas, 1<sup>st</sup> day of holiday Wednesday 20 December 2017

Return Tuesday 2 January 2018

1<sup>st</sup> day Summer Vacation, Monday 23 July

2018/19

Return 3 Monday September 2018

1<sup>st</sup> day of Summer Vacation, Tuesday 23 July 2019

2019/2020

Return Tuesday 3 September 2019

1<sup>st</sup> day Summer Vacation, Wednesday 22 July 2020

All other dates for the beginning and end of terms remain unchanged.

#### **4 Other Considerations**

- 4.1 In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, financial, human resources, equality and diversity, environmental, health, transport, property, legal & human rights considerations.
- 4.2 Under the Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations 1999 all maintained schools should hold at least 380 half day school sessions during the school year.

#### **5 Key Decision**

No

#### **5. Acting Strategic Director's Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Cabinet Member is asked to consider the proposal in relation to school term dates in 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20. It is recommended to approve the term dates set out in this report for community, voluntary controlled, community special and maintained nursery schools.

**Ian Johnson, Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**2016/17**

5 September – 21 October	35 days
31 October – 20 December	37 days
3 January – 10 February	29 days
20 February – 7 April	35 days
24 April – 26 May	24 days
5 June – 21 July	35 days
Total	195

**2017/18**

4 September – 20 October	35 days
30 October – 19 December	37 days
2 January – 16 February	34 days
26 February – 23 March	20 days
9 April – 25 May	34 days
4 June – 20 July	35 days
Total	195

**2018/19**

3 September – 26 October	40 days
5 November – 21 December	35 days
7 January – 15 February	30 days
25 February – 12 April	35 days
29 April – 24 May	19 days
3 June – 22 July	36 days
Total	195

**2019/20**

3 September – 25 October	39 days
4 November – 20 December	35 days
6 January – 14 February	30 days
24 February – 3 April	30 days
20 April – 22 May	24 days
1 June – 21 July	37 days
Total	195

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## Holiday Pattern 2016/2017 academic year

September (20 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
October (16 days)						
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31					1	2
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
November (22 days)						
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
December (14 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
January (21 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
February (15 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					
March (23 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
April (10 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
May (19 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
June (20 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
July (15 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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## Holiday Pattern 2017/2018 academic year

<b>September (20 days)</b>							<b>October (17 days)</b>							<b>November (22 days)</b>						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3	30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30			
<b>December (13 days)</b>							<b>January (22 days)</b>							<b>February (15 days)</b>						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31					26	27	28				
<b>March (17 days)</b>							<b>April (16 days)</b>							<b>May (18 days)</b>						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4	30						1		1	2	3	4	5	6
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
<b>June (20 days)</b>							<b>July (15 days)</b>							<b>August</b>						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3	30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31		

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## Holiday Pattern 2018/2019 academic year



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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
December (15 days)							January (19 days)							February (15 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28			
March (21 days)							April (12 days)							May (17 days)						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		
June (20 days)							July (16 days)							August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

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## Holiday Pattern 2019/2020 academic year

September (20 days)							October (19 days)							November (20 days)						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	
December (15 days)							January (20 days)							February (15 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5						1	2
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	
March (22 days)							April (12 days)							May (15 days)						
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30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
June (22 days)							July (15 days)							August						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5	31					1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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