

Report for:	Schools Consultative Group (SCG)	Item Number:	
Title:	Proposed term dates for academic year 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24		
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Non Key Decisions:		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. The report seeks agreement from the Schools Consultative Group (SCG) to commence consultation on the proposed term dates for the next three academic years (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24).
- 1.2. The proposed dates will be consulted on with all primary and secondary schools via the Schools Bulletin and with all relevant unions.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 requires all maintained schools to education their pupils for at least 380 sessions which equates to 190 days in each school year. Teaching staff are required in their terms and conditions to contractually complete 195 days, including their five annual Teacher availability days.
- 2.2. Under Section 32 of the Education Act 2002, the responsibility to determine term and holidays for community **schools'** rests with the Local Authority. For foundation, voluntary aided or foundation special school the governing body is responsible for determining term dates.

- 2.3. The Deregulation Act 2015, which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015, enacts that the governing bodies of maintained schools shall determine the dates and times when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end. However, no commencement orders have been made to bring this provision into force, so the local authority still has the responsibility to set school term dates.
- 2.4. In simple terms this means that community, voluntary controlled (VC), community special schools and maintained nursery schools in England will still not be able to set their own term dates, with this duty sitting with the admission authority (the local authority) for these settings.

3. Neighbouring boroughs – LGFL Pan London alignment

- 3.1. Contact has been made with neighbouring Local authorities about proposals for school term dates 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 in their areas. This information was collated and a model for Haringey was developed taking account of this information, and the London Inter Admissions Authority Group (LIAAG) (formulated by the Royal Borough of Greenwich) and the set of principles previously agreed by the Haringey Employee Consultative Group.

LGFL Pan London Greenwich proposed term dates

- 3.2. In recent years the London Inter Admissions Authority Group (LIAAG) has proposed a framework of school term dates to London boroughs to seek parity across schools in neighbouring local authorities which may be more helpful for parents who may have children attending schools in neighbouring local authority areas.
- 3.3. Neighbouring boroughs of Barnet and Enfield have proposed their dates for 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 in their areas which align with the Haringey proposed dates and the LIAAG recommended Greenwich dates.

4. Possible alterations to proposed dates

- 4.1. It was initially proposed to make one alteration to these dates, specifically the start of the Autumn term in 2021 which is currently recommended to begin on Wednesday 1 September (see Appendix 1). It was suggested that starting the term mid-week may present difficulties around attendance or the scheduling of teacher availability days. However altering this recommended start date presents the following challenges:
 - a) Starting the term a day later (i.e. on Thursday 2 September) requires an additional day to be placed elsewhere in the academic year. However all remaining terms during that academic year either start or end at the end of a week or immediately adjacent to a national holiday.

- b) Starting the term a day earlier would mean that the academic year would begin on Tuesday 31 August, which may be considered unreasonable by families and school staff.

4.2. For these reasons it is recommended that no alterations are made to the LGFL Pan London Greenwich proposed term dates, which will enable Haringey to align with neighbouring boroughs.

5. Rationale

5.1. In proposing these dates, we seek to ensure school holidays coincide across borough boundaries meaning that the impact of holiday childcare/play schemes and the opportunity for families to have school holidays that coincide is maximised in those cases where either:

- a) Children within the same family go to school in different boroughs, and/or;
- b) Where parent(s) or carer(s) are employed in a school setting outside of the borough at which their child(ren) attends school.

5.2. For the avoidance of doubt, it is important to note that these dates align with neighbouring authorities (with specific reference to Barnet and Enfield).

5.3. We are consulting on only one option for the proposed dates (see Appendix 1). These term dates were originally put forward by the London Borough of Greenwich and LIAGG (London Inter Authority Admissions Group) has subsequently indicated that they do not propose issuing any alternative term dates to those proposed by Greenwich.

5.4. If you would like to comment on the proposed dates please email your comments to schoolconsultation@haringey.gov.uk with “TERM DATES” in the title bar of your email. All comments must be submitted to Education Services no later than 3 April 2020. The results of the consultation will then be submitted to the Schools Consultative Group and who will confirm the dates having regard to any representations made through this consultation.

5.5. We aim to publish the term dates for 2021-24 at the beginning of the first half of the 2020 summer term. **They will be published on the Council’s website** at www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/information-parents/term-dates.

Appendix 1

Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for 2021-22 Academic Year

			<u>Days</u>
Autumn Term (1st half)	Wednesday 1 September 2021 - Friday 22 October 2021		38
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 October 2021 - Friday 29 October 2021		
Autumn Term (2nd half)	Monday 1 November 2021 - Friday 17 December 2021		35
School Holiday	Monday 20 December 2021 - Monday 3 January 2022		
Spring Term (1st half)	Tuesday 4 January 2022 - Friday 11 February 2022		29
Half Term Holiday	Monday 14 February 2022 - Friday 18 February 2022		
Spring Term (2nd half)	Monday 21 February 2022 - Friday 1 April 2022		30
School Holiday	Monday 4 April 2022 - Monday 18 April 2022		
<i>(Easter Weekend)</i>	<i>Friday 15 April 2022 - Monday 18 April 2022</i>		
Summer Term (1st half)	Tuesday 19 April 2022 - Friday 27 May 2022		28
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 May 2022 - Friday 3 June 2022		
Summer Term (2nd half)	Monday 6 June 2022 - Friday 22 July 2022		35

Total 195

Public Holidays

Christmas Day Substitute	Monday 27 December 2021
Boxing Day Substitute	Tuesday 28 December 2021
New Year's Day Substitute	Monday 3 January 2022
Good Friday	Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Monday	Monday 18 April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May 2022
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 30 May 2022
August Bank Holiday	Monday 29 August 2022

Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for 2022-23 Academic Year

			<u>Days</u>
Autumn Term (1st half)	Thursday 1 September 2022 - Friday 21 October 2022		37
Half Term Holiday	Monday 24 October 2022 - Friday 28 October 2022		
Autumn Term (2nd half)	Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 16 December 2022		35
School Holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 - Monday 2 January 2023		
Spring Term (1st half)	Tuesday 3 January 2023 - Friday 10 February 2023		29
Half Term Holiday	Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023		
Spring Term (2nd half)	Monday 20 February 2023 - Friday 31 March 2023		30
School Holiday	Monday 3 April 2023 - Friday 14 April 2023		
<i>(Easter Weekend)</i>	<i>Friday 7 April 2023 - Monday 10 April 2023</i>		
Summer Term (1st half)	Monday 17 April 2023 - Friday 26 May 2023		29
Half Term Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023		
Summer Term (2nd half)	Monday 5 June 2023 - Friday 21 July 2023		35

Total 195

Public Holidays

Boxing Day	Monday 26 December 2022
Christmas Day Substitute	Tuesday 27 December 2022
New Year's Day Substitute	Monday 2 January 2023
Good Friday	Friday 7 April 2023
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023
August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 August 2023

Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for 2023-24 Academic Year

			<u>Days</u>
Autumn Term (1st half)	Monday 4 September 2023	- Friday 20 October 2023	35
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 October 2023	- Friday 27 October 2023	
Autumn Term (2nd half)	Monday 30 October 2023	- Thursday 21 December 2023	39
School Holiday	Friday 22 December 2023	- Friday 5 January 2024	
Spring Term (1st half)	Monday 8 January 2024	- Friday 9 February 2024	25
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 February 2024	- Friday 16 February 2024	
Spring Term (2nd half)	Monday 19 February 2024	- Thursday 28 March 2024	29
School Holiday	Friday 29 March 2024	- Friday 12 April 2024	
<i>(Easter Weekend)</i>	<i>Friday 29 March 2024</i>	<i>- Monday 1 April 2024</i>	
Summer Term (1st half)	Monday 15 April 2024	- Friday 24 May 2024	29
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 May 2024	- Friday 31 May 2024	
Summer Term (2nd half)	Monday 3 June 2024	- Wednesday 24 July 2024	38

Total 195

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2023
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2023
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2024
Good Friday	Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday	Wednesday 10 April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May 2024
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2024