

Report for:	Schools Consultative Group (SCG)	Item Number:	
Title:	Proposed term dates for academic year 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27		
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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 (2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27).
- 1.2. The proposed dates will be consulted on with all primary and secondary schools via the Schools Newsletter 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 the duty to set term dates for community, voluntary controlled, community special schools and maintained nursery schools in England sits with the local authority.

3. Neighbouring boroughs – LGFL Pan London alignment

- 3.1. Contact has been made with neighbouring local authorities about proposals for school term dates 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 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. Most neighbouring boroughs which have proposed the dates for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 in their areas currently align with the Haringey proposed dates and the LIAAG recommended Greenwich dates.

4. Possible alterations to proposed dates

- 4.1. 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 **30 June 2023**. The results of the consultation will then be submitted to the Schools Consultative Group (SCG) who will confirm the dates having regard to any representations made through this consultation.
- 5.5. We aim to publish the term dates for 2024-27 before the start of the 2023 Autumn 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 2024-25 Academic Year

			<u>Days</u>
Autumn Term (1st half)	Monday 2 September 2024	- Friday 25 October 2024	40
Half Term Holiday	Monday 28 October 2024	- Friday 1 November 2024	
Autumn Term (2nd half)	Monday 4 November 2024	- Friday 20 December 2024	35
School Holiday	Monday 23 December 2024	- Friday 3 January 2025	
Spring Term (1st half)	Monday 6 January 2025	- Friday 14 February 2025	30
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 February 2025	- Friday 21 February 2025	
Spring Term (2nd half)	Monday 24 February 2025	- Friday 4 April 2025	30
School Holiday	Monday 7 April 2025	- Monday 21 April 2025	
<i>(Easter Weekend)</i>	<i>Friday 18 April 2025</i>	- <i>Monday 21 April 2025</i>	
Summer Term (1st half)	Tuesday 22 April 2025	- Friday 23 May 2025	23
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26 May 2025	- Friday 30 May 2025	
Summer Term (2nd half)	Monday 2 June 2025	- Tuesday 22 July 2025	37
School Holiday	Wednesday 23 July 2025	- Friday 29 August 2025	
			Total 195

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December 2024
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December 2024
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January 2025
Good Friday	Friday 18 April 2025
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 26 May 2025
August Bank Holiday	Monday 25 August 2025

Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for 2025-26 Academic Year

			<u>Days</u>
Autumn Term (1st half)	Monday 1 September 2025	- Friday 24 October 2025	40
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 October 2025	- Friday 31 October 2025	
Autumn Term (2nd half)	Monday 3 November 2025	- Friday 19 December 2025	35
School Holiday	Monday 22 December 2025	- Friday 2 January 2026	
Spring Term (1st half)	Monday 5 January 2026	- Friday 13 February 2026	30
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 February 2026	- Friday 20 February 2026	
Spring Term (2nd half)	Monday 23 February 2026	- Friday 27 March 2026	25
School Holiday	Monday 30 March 2026	- Friday 10 April 2026	
<i>(Easter Weekend)</i>	<i>Friday 3 April 2026</i>	<i>- Monday 6 April 2026</i>	
Summer Term (1st half)	Monday 13 April 2026	- Friday 22 May 2026	29
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026	- Friday 29 May 2026	
Summer Term (2nd half)	Monday 1 June 2026	- Monday 20 July 2026	36
School Holiday	Tuesday 21 July 2026	- Tuesday 1 September 2026	

Total 195

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday 1 January 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026

Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates for 2026-27 Academic Year

			<u>Days</u>
Autumn Term (1st half)	Wednesday 2 September 2026	- Friday 23 October 2026	38
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26 October 2026	- Friday 30 October 2026	
Autumn Term (2nd half)	Monday 2 November 2026	- Friday 18 December 2026	35
School Holiday	Monday 21 December 2026	- Friday 1 January 2027	
Spring Term (1st half)	Monday 4 January 2027	- Friday 12 February 2027	30
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 February 2027	- Friday 19 February 2027	
Spring Term (2nd half)	Monday 22 February 2027	- Thursday 25 March 2027	24
School Holiday	Friday 26 March 2027	- Friday 9 April 2027	
<i>(Easter Weekend)</i>	<i>Friday 26 March 2027</i>	<i>- Monday 29 March 2027</i>	
Summer Term (1st half)	Monday 12 April 2027	- Friday 28 May 2027	34
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027	- Friday 4 June 2027	
Summer Term (2nd half)	Monday 7 June 2027	- Thursday 22 July 2027	34
School Holiday	Friday 23 July 2027	- TBC	

Total 195

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2026
Boxing Day (substitute)	Monday 28 December 2026
New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2027
Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027
August Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2027