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# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Agenda  
Item No.**

**Report of Corporate Director for People  
to  
Cabinet  
on  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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## **School Term Dates 2015/16**

**People Scrutiny Committee  
Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay  
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To determine the school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2015/16.

### **2. Recommendation**

**2.1 That the school term and holiday dates for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.**

### **3. Background**

3.1 The Council sets the term dates for community schools in Southend. Academies, foundation and voluntary aided schools normally follow the dates set by the Council. There is no national determination of school term dates.

3.2 In view of the cross border movement with Essex County Council of both pupils and staff, the coordination with Essex has been an important principle.

### **4. Proposed term dates**

4.1 The proposed term dates for 2015/16 are set out in Appendix 1.

4.2 Southend Headteachers and the professional associations have been consulted with the recommendation that the dates be aligned with Essex, and no objections have been received.

### **5. Reasons for recommendations**

5.1 As set out in the report

## **6. Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 **Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities**  
Improving public satisfaction is a critical priority for the Council. It is anticipated that as the proposed dates coincide with Essex they should be acceptable to the majority of parents and carers.
- 6.2 Financial Implications - None
- 6.3 Legal Implications - None
- 6.4 People Implications – Coordination with Essex is important for pupils and staff.
- 6.5 Property Implications - None
- 6.6 Consultation – as detailed in section 4.2 of the report.
- 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications – None
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – None undertaken.
- 6.9 Value for Money implications – None
- 6.10 Community Safety Implications – None
- 6.11 Environmental Impact – The coordination of term and holiday dates will minimise the number of car journeys to school.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 There are no background papers.

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 **Appendix 1** – Proposed school term and holiday dates 2015/16.

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## School Term and Holiday Dates for Community Schools

### Academic Year 2015-2016

September 2015							October 2015							November 2015							December 2015						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
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January 2016							February 2016							March 2016							April 2016						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	
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May 2016							June 2016							July 2016							August / September 2016						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
30	31																				5	6	7	8	9	10	11

= Schooldays / Weekends     
  = School holidays     
  = Bank holidays

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Wednesday 2 September 2015 – Friday 18 December 2015 <i>Half Term 26 October - 30 October</i>	73 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 4 January 2016 – Thursday 24 March 2016 <i>Half Term 15 - 19 February</i>	54 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 11 April 2016 – Thursday 21 July 2016 <i>Half Term 31 May – 3 June, and May Bank Holiday, 2 May</i>	68 days
		195 days

**Please note:** Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools and Academies are able to set their own term dates therefore the calendar may vary slightly for individual schools and academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school or academy before making any holiday or other commitments.

