

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)
to
Cabinet
on
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Agenda
Item No.

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School Term Dates 2018/19
People Scrutiny Committee
Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To propose the guideline school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2018/19.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the school term and holiday dates for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved as a guide to schools.**

3. Background

- 3.1 There is no national determination of school term dates. Historically the Council has set the term dates for community schools in Southend. In the main, academies, foundation, voluntary aided and maintained schools have chosen to adopt dates set by the Council.
- 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. Discussion took place directly with ECC officers concerning the feasibility of moving the school half term week in order to provide opportunities for cheaper holidays for residents. The importance of maintain parallel term dates and the practicalities of making this happen, especially linking with Thurrock, did not allow changes this year.
- 3.3 It is recommended that we proceed with the dates as set out in Appendix 1 for Southend-on-Sea with a very minor variation to the Essex dates. It is anticipated that any further date variations between Southend-on-Sea and schools in Essex will be minimal.
- 3.4 It is further recommended that any minor amendments are approved by the Deputy Chief Executive (People).

4. Proposed term dates

- 4.1 The proposed term dates for 2018/19 are set out in Appendix 1. Please note that these dates have been amended in response to the below comments from the consultation.

4.2 A recommendation was received from a representative of the ATL National Executive (UK School leadership). The recommendation reported that;

'I do not think a return to school on January 2nd (2019) will be well-received by pupils or staff: especially those who have travelled for family celebrations at the New Year.

My recommendation is that the Autumn Term is extended to include Thursday 20th December and the Spring term commences (as it did this year) with a two day week on Thursday 3rd January.' Robin M. Bevan Headteacher and ATL National Executive (UK School Leadership representative and views supported by GMB, Unison, Mr N Houchen and Mr J Glazier

4.3 The proposed dates were discussed previously with officers from Essex County Council. Following this they were notified formally of these changes on the 20th January 2017 and have raised no objections.

4.4 The date variation has been accommodated and it is the view of officers that Southend-on-Sea should proceed with the approval of the term dates as set out in Appendix 1.

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

Annexure 1

8.1 Appendix 1 – Southend-on-Sea Proposed school term and holiday dates 2018/19

September 2018							October 2018							November 2018							December 2018							
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May 2019							June 2019							July 2019							August 2019							
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= 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.

Autumn Term:	Wednesday 5 September 2018 – Thursday 21 December 2018 <i>Half Term 22 October – 26 October</i>	72 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 3 January 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019 <i>Half Term 18 February - 22 February</i>	62 days
Summer Term:	Monday 23 April 2019 – Wednesday 24 July 2019 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday, 6 May</i>	61 days
		195 days

Please note: The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.