

Meeting:	Education Consultative Forum
Date:	29 June 2009
Subject:	School Term Dates 2010 - 2011
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Director of Schools and Children's Development, Heather Clements.
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development, Councillor Anjana Patel.
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Annexe A – Proposal for Harrow Annexe B – Revised LGA Model

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report presents a proposal for Harrow's school term dates for 2010 – 2011 following consultation with constituent groups and neighbouring boroughs.

Recommendations:

1. Consider the responses from neighbouring boroughs
2. Agree the model provided in Annexe A and recommend to the portfolio holder for the adoption of school term dates for 2010-2011.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To fulfil the council's requirement to determine the school term dates for 2010 – 2011.

Section 2 – Report

2.1 Background

The Education Consultative Forum annually agrees the term dates for each school year.

At their meeting in January 2009, EdCF considered 3 models and a proposal to include 3 occasional closure days to use as holidays at times appropriate for their school communities. EdCF agreed to support the option for occasional days and to defer their decision until information from neighbouring boroughs had been received on the model for Harrow.

The LGA have now agreed a revised recommendation for term dates 2010-2011. Their revised model starts earlier in September and includes a two week break for the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

2.2 Main Option

Responses from Neighbouring Boroughs

The proposed term dates for Harrow were circulated to neighbouring boroughs. The Boroughs are working to different timescales and as a result some have agreed their final dates while others are in the process.

The table summarises the position of the neighbouring boroughs:

Borough	Model	Comment
Brent	Different model to LGA. Spring holiday 4 4.4.2011 to 15.4.2011, week earlier than LGA. Easter Bank Holidays are in term time. Model includes up to 3 discretion days for religious observation.	Consultation during Summer Term and Autumn Term.
Ealing		To be considered during the Summer Term
Hertfordshire	Different to LGA, same as Harrow with minor variations September start date and July end date	Consultation ends on 6.3.09
Hillingdon	LGA model	Consultation ends on 3.4.09
Hounslow	LGA model	Consultation ends on 3.4.09

Harrow Model

The term dates proposed for Harrow meet the agreed Principles. The revised LGA model is aligned with the Harrow Principles and the proposed dates.

Occasional Days

Governing Bodies are able to adopt up to 3 occasional days for holidays to acknowledge religious festivals. For those schools that adopt occasional days additional days should be added to the end of term. Therefore if a school adopts 3 occasional days, the end of the summer term would be on Wednesday 27 July 2011. Governing bodies should consult their school community before adopting occasional days.

The proposed model for Harrow is at Annexe A. This model does not include occasional days.

2.3 Staffing/Workforce

Not applicable to this report

2.4 Equality Impact considerations

The Harrow agreed principles were developed following consultation with schools, governors, parents and other partners and takes account of the needs of Harrow's diverse community.

Harrow sets term dates of 195 school days each year and schools/governing bodies have the flexibility to set the 190 pupil contact days within this framework to meet the needs of each school's community.

2.5 Resources, costs and risks

Not applicable to this report

2.6 Legal Implications

Under section 32 of the Education Act 2002, in respect of community schools, the Local Authority shall determine the dates when school terms and holidays are to begin and end, and the Governing Body shall determine the times of the school sessions.

For voluntary aided schools, foundation or foundation special schools the responsibility for determination of school dates and times of school sessions all rest with the Governing Body.

2.7 Financial Implications

None.

2.8 Performance Issues

Not applicable to this report

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Emma Stabler Date: 9 March 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Name: Sharon Clarke Date: 9 March 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Monitoring Officer

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

EdCF Report 27 January 2009 LGA revised Standard School Year 2010-2011.

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	Yes
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A

PROPOSED SCHOOL TERM DATES 2010/11

Terms	Dates
Autumn Term 2010	Wednesday 1 September – Friday 22 October (38 days)
	<i>Half Term Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October (5 days)</i>
	Monday 1 November – Friday 17 December (35 days)
Spring Term 2011	Tuesday 4 January – Friday 18 February (34 days)
	<i>Half Term Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February (5 days)</i>
	Monday 28 February – Friday 8 April (30 days)
Summer Term 2011	Tuesday 26 April – Friday 27 May (23 days)
	<i>Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June (5 days)</i>
	Mon 6 June – Fri 22 July (35 days)
TOTAL	195 School Days including 5 INSET Days

Public and Bank Holidays 2010-2011

Christmas Day Holiday: Monday 27 December 2010 Easter Monday: 25 April 2011
 Boxing Day Holiday: Tuesday 28 December 2010 May Day Holiday: 2 May 2011
 New Year's Holiday: Monday 3 January 2011 Spring Bank Holiday: 30 May 2011
 Good Friday: Friday 22 April 2011 Summer Bank Holiday: 29 August
 2011

Occasional Days

Governing Bodies may agree to adopt up to 3 occasional days. If 3 occasional days are adopted, the school year will be 198 days.

Harrow Agreed Principles:

- The school year to be set with 195 days, incorporating 5 development days;
- Schools to determine the 5 development days;
- The school year to start on the first useful day in September;
- The October break to be one full week, the last full week in October;
- A 10 school day break at Christmas;
- A 10 school day break at spring/Easter;
- A one week break in February and May/June;
- A summer break of 5-6 weeks (not more than 6 weeks).

LGA Standard School Year 2010/2011
Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2010/2011
The School Year

Autumn Term 2010

	September (35 days)					October				November (38 days)					December			
Monday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	*1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	*1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22#	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
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Saturday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	

Spring Term 2011

	January (34 days)					February				March (30 days)					April			
Monday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	*28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	*4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26*	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Friday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18#	25	4	11	18	25	1	8#	15	22	28	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	

Summer Term 2011

	May (23 days)					June (35 days)				July			August/September						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	6*	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	
Friday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	
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Saturday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4

Bank and public holidays 2010/2011

Christmas Day Holiday	27 December	Easter Monday	25 April
Boxing Day Holiday	28 December	May Day Holiday	2 May
New Year's Day Holiday	3 January	Spring Bank Holiday	30 May
Good Friday	22 April	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August

School Holidays 

* First day after break

Last day before break

Bank holidays and national holidays 