

REPORT FOR: Education Consultative Forum

Date:	27 January 2010
Subject:	School Term Dates Academic Year 2011-2012
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Heather Clements, Director Schools and Children's Development
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Anjana Patel, Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	No
Enclosures:	Proposal for Consultation Annexe A

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report presents Members with a proposal for the School Term dates for the Academic Year 2011-2012.

Recommendations:

Education Consultative Forum is requested to:

1. Consider the report and feedback any comments from constituent groups
2. Consider a final proposal at their meeting in the Summer Term for recommendation to the Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development

Reason: (For recommendation)

To provide Education Consultative Forum members the opportunity to consider the proposed School Term Dates for 2011-2012

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

In accordance with the Education Act 2002, Local Authorities have the responsibility to agree dates of terms and holidays.

In Harrow the Education Consultative Forum (EdCF) considers proposals and recommends the term dates for each school year to the Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children’s Development for decision.

Two proposed models have been developed for EdCF’s consideration. Any comments received from the EdCF constituent groups will be incorporated and a further model will be presented.

Schools are required by statute to provide schooling for 190 days. Teaching staff are required by their terms and conditions to complete 195 days including 5 development days.

Options Considered

Two models are proposed for EdCF to consider based on the information available at the time of preparing this report.

Background

A model for Harrow is developed based on three elements:

- Harrow’s Agreed Principles,
- The LGA’s Standard School Year and,
- Other local authority models available.

Harrow Agreed Principles:

EdCF agreed a set of principles to apply to School Term Dates for Harrow. These are as follows:

- The school year to be set with 195 days, incorporating 5 development days
- Schools to determine the 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 Easter/Spring
- 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

The LGA produces the Standard School Year model following consultation with their members. At the time of preparing this report, their model is not available. When it becomes available a copy will be sent to EdCF members.

Other Local Authority Models

Copies of our neighbouring local authorities' models or proposals are requested and provided to EdCF. This helps to coordinate the term dates. Local authorities agree their term dates at different times during the year and their response to recent requests indicate that they have yet to start the process. When models are available they will be circulated to EdCF.

Additional Bank Holiday in June 2012

On 5 January 2010, the Government announced an additional bank holiday in June 2012. The Diamond Jubilee Bank holiday is on Tuesday 5 June 2012. The Spring Bank holiday has been moved to Monday 4 June 2012 to form a long weekend.

Occasional Days

At their meeting in June 2009, EdCF agreed to introduce Occasional Days. These allow governing bodies to agree to up to 3 additional closure days to take account of the need to observe Non-Christian religious festivals. If 3 occasional days are adopted then the school year will be 198 days and the additional days must be added to the end of the summer term.

Current situation

Two proposed models for Harrow have been developed using the Harrow Agreed Principles and are provided at Annexe A. The variation in the models is the accommodation of the Spring Bank Holiday and the Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday and the impact on the Summer Term.

Model	First Half Term	Half Term Holiday	Second Half Term
A	Monday 16 April 2012 to Friday 25 May 2012 (29 Days)	Monday 28 May 2012 to Tuesday 5 June 2012	Wednesday 6 June 2012 to Monday 23 July 2012 (34 days)
B	Monday 16 April 2012 to Friday 1 June 2012 (34 Days)	Monday 4 June 2012 to Friday 8 June 2012	Monday 11 June 2012 to Thursday 19 July 2012 (29 days)

It is proposed that EdCF consider these models with their constituent groups and feedback comments to the Director of Schools and Children's Development. If other models from the LGA or neighbouring boroughs are received these will be circulated accordingly.

Comments received will be reported and a final model proposed at the EdCF meeting on 28 June 2010.

Implications of the Recommendation

None

Legal Implications

CM to provide

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Corporate Priorities

Not applicable because this is statutory duty to agree the dates of terms and holidays.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Emma Stabler

on behalf of the*
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 23 December 2009

Name: George Curran

on behalf of the*
Monitoring Officer

Date: 12 January 2010

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Johanna Morgan, Head of School Organisation Strategy, 020 8736 6841.

Background Papers: None.

Proposed Model A

Harrow
Proposed school term and holiday dates for the Academic Year 2011/2012

Autumn Term 2011

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

Spring Term 2012

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


Summer Term 2012


	May				June				July				August					
Monday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23#	30	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
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Bank and Public Holidays 2011/2012

Christmas Day Holiday 26 December 2011
 Boxing Day Holiday 27 December 2011
 New Year's Day Holiday 2 January 2012
 Good Friday 6 April 2012

Easter Monday 9 April 2012
 May Day Holiday 7 May 2012
 Spring Bank Holiday 4 June 2012
 Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday 5 June 2012
 Summer Bank Holiday 27 August 2012

School Holidays 
 * First school day after break

Bank holidays and national holidays 
 # Last school day before break

**Summary of Proposed School Term Dates Academic Year 2011/12
Model A**

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	<i>Half Term Monday 24 October 2011 to Friday 28 October 2011</i>
	Monday 31 October 2011 to Friday 16 December 2011 (35 days)
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	<i>Half Term Holiday Monday 13 February 2012 to Friday 17 February 2012</i>
	Monday 20 February 2012 to Friday 30 March 2012 (30 days)
Summer Term 2012	Monday 16 April 2012 to Friday 25 May 2012 (29 days)
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Total	195 School Days including 5 INSET days

Proposed Model B

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
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Friday		4	11	18	25	1#	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
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