

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

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Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

DECISION NO:

17/00052

For publication

Subject: Revision To School Term Dates For The Years 2018-19 & 2019-20

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education I agree to:

Revise the school term dates for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20, as set out in sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee Report which was considered by Members on 22nd June 2017.

Reasons for Decision:

In March 2016, the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform agreed to determine the school year term dates for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. This followed a consultation with all schools and other key stakeholders such as governors (including parent groups), the Diocesan bodies, trade unions and other neighbouring authorities. The general public was also encouraged to participate.

Feedback from this consultation included a request from teachers that Term 5 should end later in both 2018-19 and 2019-20 to help regulate the length of each term. Subsequently, the decision was taken to extend Term 5 in 2019 from 23 to 27 days with term ending on 31st May 2019 and Term 6 beginning on 10th June 2019. In 2020, Term 5 was extended from 25 to 28 days with term ending on 29th May 2020 and Term 6 beginning on 8th June 2020.

Since this decision, proposed examination dates for Secondary school pupils have been released by Examination Boards and Awarding Bodies. In 2019 and 2020, Secondary education level exams have been scheduled to take place during the first week of June. Therefore, it has been necessary to hold a consultation on the proposal to alter the date on which Term 5 ends in both 2019 and 2020.

Instead of Term 5 ending on Friday 31st May 2019 it is proposed that the last day of term will be Friday 24th May 2019. Pupils will then return to school on Monday 3rd June 2019 instead of Monday 10th June 2019. In the following year, instead of Term 5 ending on Friday 29th May 2020, it is proposed that the last day of term will be Friday 22nd May 2020. Pupils will then return to school on Monday 1st June 2020 instead of Monday 8th June 2020.

The late May Bank Holiday would fall during the half term holiday so for both 2019 and 2020, it is proposed Term 6 would end a day earlier than currently determined.

Financial Implications:

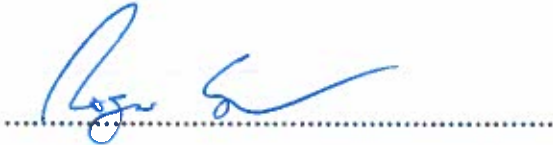
There are no direct cost implications arising from the decision on the school calendar. However, if individual foundation, voluntary aided schools, academies or free schools determine a different pattern of term dates, they may incur additional costs in relation to home to school transport, as the Local Authority passes any additional costs on to the schools concerned.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

At a meeting of the CYPE Cabinet Committee on June 22nd 2017, Members endorsed the proposed decision to revise the school term dates for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 as set out in sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the report.

Any alternatives considered:

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:



29 June 2017

Signed

Date