

From: Sarah Hammond, Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education

To: Shellina Prendergast, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Subject: Alterations to the Academic School Year 2022-23

Decision Number: 22/00091

Past Pathway of Decision: Cabinet Member decision 21/00054 - School Term Dates for 2022-23; Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee – 12 October 2022

Future Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member Decision

Electoral Division: All

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

Following the Government announcement that there will be an additional bank holiday on Monday 19 September 2022 to mark the occasion of the State Funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, this report advises the Cabinet Committee that the school academic calendar 2022-23 for LA controlled Schools should be updated accordingly to mark the occasion.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills is asked to agree the proposed decision to:

- (i) alter the school academic calendar 2022-23 for local authority-maintained schools to allow for the additional bank holiday on 19 September 2022.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In England, local authority-maintained schools operating according to the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD) must open for 195 days.
- 1.2 Of these, a maximum of 190 days involve teaching children and young people. The remaining five days are non-teaching days when teachers may be asked to undertake other duties related to their role as a teacher. These are often known as in-service training (INSET) days.
- 1.3 The school term dates for Kent community, voluntary-controlled, community special or maintained nursery schools are determined by KCC and the local authority is the employer.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 In the DfE guidance *National Mourning Advisory Education Guidance under section 15 - Bank Holidays*, it states:
The bank holiday announcement will not mean teachers will be required to teach an additional day. The DfE will reduce the minimum number of sessions for this school year via regulations and change the definitions in the schoolteachers' pay and conditions document for the current year.
- 2.2 In essence, teachers will teach one less day for the academic year 2022/23, down from 195 to 194 (including INSET days), or down from 190 to 189 (excluding INSET days) across 1,258.5 hours as opposed to 1,265 hours of directed time. An extra day of holiday will therefore need to be allocated by KCC as the employer.

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 KCC as the employer must administer these changes enacted by the DfE

4. Equalities implications

- 4.1 The original EqIA has been reviewed and no updates were necessary. The document was presented to the Cabinet member and CYPE Cabinet Committee, as part of the democratic process.

5. Recommendation

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Background Documents

- 10.1 Term Dates 2022-23

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