



Consultation for School Term Dates 2017/2018

During a normal school year, pupils are required to attend school for 190 days. An additional five days are allowed for in-service training (INSET) for staff.

There is no longer a nationally recommended model set by the Local Government Association (LGA).

Following the recommendation of the Children, Young People and Skills (CYPS) Committee the introduction of a stand alone week of holiday within the academic year 2017-18 is proposed as a pilot initiative for one year.

Previous consultations in Brighton & Hove and previous LGA criteria have taken into account certain principles when setting dates:

1. Aim to match East and West Sussex dates where possible, to allow for families who may live/work and attend schools in different authorities
2. Equalise the length of teaching and learning (half-termly) blocks as much as possible
3. The start and end of terms should be complete weeks where possible
4. Start the school year in September as near as possible to 1 September

Each year we have waited until East and West Sussex have carried out their consultations and published their dates.

This year we are consulting on the possibility of creating a standalone week by saving days from current holiday periods. In relation to the West Sussex model, five days saved are: 1 September, 2 & 3 January, 12 & 13 April. In relation to the East Sussex model five days saved are: 1 September, 12 & 13 April, 23 & 24 July.

The three possibilities for a standalone week are: w/c 16 October 2017, w/c 20 November 2017, w/c 5 March 2018

We are consulting with the following stakeholders:

- Headteachers & school staff through the Schools' Bulletin on (13 June 2016)
- Education & Inclusion Consultative Group on (1 July 2016) (attended by union representatives)
- Diocese of Chichester (Church of England) and Diocese of Arundel and Brighton (Catholic)
- Pupils (through the Youth Council)
- Parents (publication on the Council's website and through the use of schools' channels)
- Councillors (through Democratic Services)
- Governors (through the Governor Support Team)

Neighbouring local authorities will also be made aware of the consultation and will be invited to comment.

The deadline for comments is (28 June 2016). The Executive Director of Families, Children and Learning will make the final decision, taking into account comments received. The finalised dates will be published on the main council website by (4 July 2016) <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/school-term-and-holiday-dates> and also as a Schools' Bulletin.



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018 Consultation

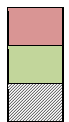
PROPOSAL (Brighton and Hove model with three possibilities for standalone week highlighted in yellow)

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Key



Bank and public holidays (see details below)

School holidays

INSET day (4 more to be agreed by each school)



First day of term for pupils



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Number of days (total requirement 195)

Autumn 1 st half	36
Autumn 2 nd half	38
Spring 1 st half	29
Spring 2 nd half	29
Summer 1 st half	31
Summer 2 nd half	37
TOTAL	200 days
	(5 inset days and 5 standalone days)

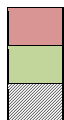


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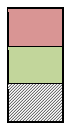
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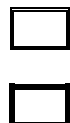


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