

Chief Officer Decision Notice

For non-key decisions



Notice is hereby given that the following Chief Officer Decision has been made, as delegated by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member or under their delegated authority in the Council's Constitution.

Title of decision	Hillingdon Maintained Schools Term Dates 2027-2030
Name and Title of Chief Officer(s) making the decision	Abi Preston, Director of Education & SEND
Directorate	Education & SEND
Reference No.	2026/1656
Date of decision	9 March 2026
Relevant Ward	All

Details of Decision Taken

Decision	The Chief Officer agrees to: 1. Approve the next set of school term dates to be published for the academic years of 2027/28, 2028/29, 2029/30.
Reason for decision	Maintained schools are required to be open for 195 days per academic year. Schools can use five of these days as inset days to train teachers. Pupils therefore need to be in schools for 190 days per academic year. Setting up term dates in advance allows school leaders and governors to plan their inset days with additional notice. Staff and parents/guardians will also benefit by enabling early holiday planning, and this reduces the number of errors made with term date clashes to improve attendance. Dates approved are set out in the Appendix.
Alternative options considered and rejected	None, however, the Chief Officer could choose alternate term dates in consultation with officers and schools.
Factors considered	Hillingdon has consulted with other London boroughs to align term dates, helping to avoid disruption for families whose children attend schools across London borough boundaries.
Report Author & Directorate	Laura Baldry, School Placement and Admissions Manager

Legal and Finance Comments

Finance comments	The approval and publication of school term dates for 2027/28 to 2029/30 has no direct financial implications for the Council, as maintained schools will manage their staffing, operational arrangements and inset days within existing delegated budgets; the decision does not create additional cost pressures and has no anticipated impact on either the Dedicated Schools Grant or General Fund budgets.
Finance Officer name and Title	Luisa Hansen – Head of Finance, Children and SEND
Legal Comments	There are no legal impediments to the decision.
Legal Officer Name and Title	Brendan Molloy – Head of Legal

Appendices / report attached

List here any report / appendices / e.g. tender evaluations or other documentation to be included in support of this decision	Appendix 1 - Hillingdon Maintained Schools' Term Dates for 2027-30 Academic Years
Exempt Classification	None

Cabinet Member & other Chief Officer consultation

Name and Title of any other Chief Officer(s) you have consulted with and as per any delegation.	Kathryn Angelini, Assistant Director for Education
Name and Title of the Cabinet Member you have consulted, and as per any delegation	Councillor Susan O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
Any conflicts of interest declared by the Chief Officer making this decision and/or Cabinet	N/A

<p>Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision - or if dispensation by the CEO was granted to them.</p>	
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Authority for this decision

<p>Detail authority from Cabinet or under delegated authority in the Constitution / Officer Scheme of Delegations</p>	<p>Under the Scheme of Delegations, the Director of Education and SEND hold the delegated authority to approve School Term Dates, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.</p>
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2. APPROVAL

Formal approval by Chief Officer making the decision

SignedA.Preston.....Date...09.03.26.....

Chief Officer – Abi Preston - Director SEND & Education

3. REPORT / APPENDICES

Classification: Public

Appendix 1

London Borough of Hillingdon Schools Term & Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2027/28

		Days
AUTUMN TERM	Wednesday 1 September - Friday 22 October	38
School Holiday	Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October	
	Monday 1 November - Friday 17 December	35
School Holiday	Monday 20 December - Monday 3 January	
SPRING TERM	Tuesday 4 January - Friday 11 February	29
School Holiday	Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February	
	Monday 21 February - Friday 31 March	30
School Holiday	Monday 3 April – Monday 17 April (Easter weekend 14 – 17 April)	
SUMMER TERM	Tuesday 18 April - Friday 26 May (May Day Bank Holiday 1 May)	28
School Holiday	Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June (Spring Bank Holiday 29 May)	
	Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July	35
	TOTAL	195

5 inset (teacher training) days to be set by schools and communicated directly to parents/ guardians – totalling to **190** teaching days in this academic year.

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Saturday 25 December 2027 (Monday 27 substitute day)
Boxing Day	Sunday 26 December 2027 (Tuesday 28 substitute day)
New Year's Day	Saturday 1 January 2028 (Monday 3 substitute day)
Good Friday	Friday 14 April 2028
Easter Monday	Monday 17 April 2028
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2028
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 May 2028
August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 August 2028

**London Borough of Hillingdon
Schools Term & Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2028/29**

		Days
AUTUMN TERM	Friday 1 September - Friday 20 October	36
School Holiday	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October	
	Monday 30 October – Friday 15 December	35
School Holiday	Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	
SPRING TERM	Tuesday 2 January - Friday 9 February	29
School Holiday	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February	
	Monday 19 February - Thursday 29 March	29
School Holiday	Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April (Easter weekend 30 March - 2 April)	
SUMMER TERM	Monday 16 April - Friday 25 May (May Day Bank Holiday 7 May)	29
School Holiday	Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June (Spring Bank Holiday 28 May)	
	Monday 4 June - Tuesday 24 July	37
	TOTAL	195

5 inset (teacher training) days to be set by schools and communicated directly to parents/ guardians – totalling to **190** teaching days in this academic year.

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2028
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2028
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2029
Good Friday	Friday 30 March 2029
Easter Monday	Monday 2 April 2029
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 7 May 2029
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 28 May 2029
August Bank Holiday	Monday 27 August 2029

**London Borough of Hillingdon
Maintained Schools' Term Dates for Academic Year 2029/30**

Term	Dates	Days
AUTUMN TERM	Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October	35
School Holiday	Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October	
	Monday 29 October - Friday 14 December	35
School Holiday	Monday 17 December – Tuesday 1 January	
SPRING TERM	Wednesday 2 January - Friday 15 February	33
School Holiday	Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February	
	Monday 25 February - Friday 5 April	30
School Holiday	Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April (Easter weekend 19 April - 22 April)	
SUMMER TERM	Tuesday 23 April - Friday 24 May (May Day Bank Holiday 6 May)	23
School Holiday	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May (Spring Bank Holiday 27 May)	
	Monday 3 June – Thursday 25th July	39
	TOTAL	195

5 inset (teacher training) days to be set by schools and communicated directly to parents/ guardians – totalling to **190** teaching days in this academic year.

Public Holidays – subject to national change

Christmas Day	Tuesday 25 December 2029
Boxing Day	Wednesday 26 December 2029
New Year's Day	Tuesday 1 January 2030
Good Friday	Friday 19 April 2030
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April 2030
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2030
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May 2030
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2030