

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 02 July 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

Date notified to all members: Wednesday 1 August 2018

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 6 August 2018

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 7 August 2018

1. **TITLE**

School Term Dates and Holidays 2019/20

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services is recommended to approve –

- (i) That the School Calendar for 2019/20 Academic Year fixes an Easter Break in the first 2 weeks of April. (Appendix A)

3. **Reasons For Decision**

It is recommended that **Appendix A** be approved as the model school calendar for the 2019/20 academic year. This model fixes Easter at the beginning of April 2020 (commencing Monday 30th March). The calendar applies to all Community schools, Voluntary Controlled Schools, Community Special Schools and maintained nursery schools. Voluntary Aided Schools, Trusts and Academies that are their own Admission Authority are recommended to adopt the model calendar to promote consistency across the City.

It is likely that Church Aided Schools will have their Easter Break around the religious festival. This has always been the case and Aided Schools will continue to set their own dates at Easter.

There was overwhelming support for fixing the Easter break at the beginning of April when the proposal was first consulted upon for the 2017/18 school calendar. It is accepted that there are many different views and opinions on the school calendar. The purpose of the consultation was to invite opinion and comment from all stakeholders. There have not been many responses to the proposed calendar, nor has there been any strong opposition to the proposed calendar for 2019/20 which indicates that the support expressed under last year's consultation continues.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

In response to the overwhelming support for fixing the Easter Break during the 2017/18 consultation process the Authority has only consulted on this single model for 2019/20.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, People Services

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee