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The Headteacher – All Nursery, Primary, Secondary, Special and Free Schools, Academies and PRUs

Dear Colleague

School Term and Holiday Dates 2023-24

Please find attached the Local Authority's school term and holiday dates for the school year 2023-24.

School employers are required to set the term dates of their school year. Employers are: the LA in community, voluntary controlled and community special schools; the governing body in foundation and voluntary aided schools and the academy trust for academies and free schools. Therefore, the LA is required to set the school term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools and these schools should follow the attached dates.

As you will be aware, on 1 April 2023, Cumbria County Council and the six district councils in Cumbria will be replaced by two new unitary authorities – Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. The new authorities will be responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for the community, voluntary controlled and community special schools within their area.

Aided and foundation schools, free schools and academies are all responsible for setting their own dates but meet any additional transport or catering costs if they deviate from the LA's dates. It would also be helpful if all schools could follow the LA pattern as closely as possible.

It is important for schools to notify the LA if term dates will differ from those attached.

If you have any queries relating to these term dates please contact me on the number given at the top of this letter. Alternatively, you can e-mail me at nicola.shiels@cumbria.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



Nicola Shiels
Support Manager – Education & Skills

CUMBRIA SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 6 September	Tuesday 19 December	Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Number of school days in term – 70

SPRING TERM 2024

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 28 March	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Number of school days in term – 57

SUMMER TERM 2024

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 16 April	Friday 19 July	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Number of schools days in term – 63

Good Friday – 29 March
Easter Sunday – 31 April
Easter Monday – 1 April

Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 6 May

Number of days in year – 190

INSET Days/Sessions

The 190 day school year identified above makes no provision for the additional 5 days non-contact time for which staff are contracted.

Therefore, any INSET sessions should be arranged either outside the above school term dates or outside pupil hours. The following dates are suggested as dates that could be used for INSET:

Monday, 4 September 2023

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Monday, 15 April 2024

Plus two others, to be locally determined.