

School Term & Holiday Dates Working Group

Core Principles

	PRINCIPLE:
1	190 days when pupils are in school (a legal requirement)
2	5 INSET days (a legal requirement)
3	Three weekends at Christmas
4	Ability for up to 2 of the 5 INSET days above to be flexible or “disaggregated days” of 6 hours duration capable of being taken at any point throughout the agreed school year following consultation with staff.
5	Half terms of equal length
6	Ability to accommodate other known faith group festivals
7	Cross border liaison with neighbouring authorities
8	Commencement of the Autumn Term after the August Bank Holiday
9	Maximising INSET delivery opportunities and associated benefits for staff & pupils
10	Reduction of potential “learning loss” for vulnerable pupils