

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester 2019- 2020 school term and holiday dates

Autumn 2019

- Monday 2 September – Friday 25 October (40 days)
- Half term – Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November
- Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December (35 days)
- Christmas holiday – Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring 2020

- Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February (30 days)
- Half term – Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
- Monday 24 February – Friday 3 April (30 days)
- Spring break – Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April (which includes Easter bank holidays)

Summer 2020

- Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May (24 days)
- Bank holiday – Monday 4 May
- Half term – Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
- Monday 1 June – Monday 20 July (36 days)
- Summer holiday – Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

Return to school – Tuesday 1 September 2020

The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 3181) requires schools to have at least 380 half-day sessions (190 days) in each school year, beginning with the first term to start after July. This is consistent with the 195 days a year required by a teacher's statutory conditions of service: the additional five days are for in-service training (known as INSET days).

The governing body of a school is responsible for setting five INSET days out of the school calendar. The school should communicate this information to parents – via such channels as a letter and/or school newsletter and also publish it on the school website. They should also provide this information to their local authority.

- It is recommended that all schools take Monday 20 July 2020 as an INSET day
- Where schools have more than fifty percent of pupils from a neighbouring local authority (LA) they will be permitted to align their term and holiday dates with that LA
- Voluntary controlled primary schools are permitted to align their dates with the aided secondary school for which they are a named feeder school

