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Outcome of the Standardised School Year Consultation

I am writing to let you know that the Cheshire West and Chester Executive, at its meeting on Wednesday 4 July 2012, formally approved to adopt a standardised school year model for its Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. This decision will enable the Authority to align its school term dates with the other Authorities that form the [Learn Together Partnership \(LTP\)](#). The school term and holiday dates for 2013/14 are attached to this letter and are available on the CWAC webpage at:

http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education_and_learning/school_term_and_holiday_dates.aspx

The consultation generated a substantial number of responses, of which the majority (77%) were in support of the proposal. General feedback from consultees was it would improve the ability to forward plan, however it was noted there would have to be compliance from all schools to adopt the pattern in order for the model to be truly successful. Cheshire West and Chester Community and Voluntary Controlled schools are required to follow the dates set by the Authority. Aided, Foundation and Academy schools are not obliged to adhere to these dates, however taking into account the consultation feedback it is hoped that they will also consider adopting a similar pattern.

We will continue to work with the LTP and other neighbouring authorities, sharing consultation feedback so that we can explore additional ways to further develop the standardised pattern. For further information regarding the consultation and decision please see:

<http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=789>

Yours sincerely



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2013/14 School term and holiday dates:

| Autumn 2013 | Spring 2014 | Summer 2014 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2 September – 18 October (35 days) | 6 January – 14 February (30 days) | 22 April – 23 May (23 days) |
| Half Term 21-25 October | Half Term 17-21 February | Bank Holiday - 5 May Half Term 26-30 May |
| 28 October – 19 December (39 days) | 24 February – 4 April (30 days) | 2 June – 23 July (38 days) |
| Christmas Holiday 20 December – 3 January | Easter Holiday 7 April – 21 April | Summer Holiday 24 July – 29 August |
| <i>Return to school: Monday 1 September 2014</i> | | |

The principles for the calculation of the LTP standardised term dates are based on 195 days which includes 190 teaching days and five INSET days. The five INSET days are to be designated by the individual school governing body, but there will be no more than two days (in any one term) set consecutively for this purpose.

When informing the school community of the school term and holiday dates for 2013/14, schools need first to select the dates for their five INSET days from out of the terms given above and then readjust the calendar accordingly.

