

# What are your views on the Easter school holiday in Leeds?

## Easter school holiday consultation

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Leeds City Council is seeking your views on the timing of the Easter school holiday for the next few years. Since 2011 Leeds has fixed its school holiday to the first two weeks of April regardless of when the Easter bank holiday weekend falls. Usually it falls somewhere within this break, but once every few years it falls outside. We are now seeking public opinion in order to decide whether to continue with this arrangement or return to an Easter school holiday that moves according to the Easter weekend.

Not all schools have to abide by the dates the council sets. Academies, Free schools, Foundation schools and Voluntary-Aided schools have the authority to set their own dates and will continue to do so regardless of any change the council may make as a result of this consultation.

### Survey questions

The calendar for the **2018-19** academic year has already been approved and published. The boxes highlighted in bold are Good Friday, Easter Monday and the two May Bank Holidays. The paler boxes are the school holidays.

March					April					May				
4	11	18	25		1	8	15	<b>22</b>	29		<b>6</b>	13	20	<b>27</b>
5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
8	15	22	29		5	12	<b>19</b>	26		3	10	17	24	<b>31</b>
9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1
10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2

The following Calendars show how Easter will fall over the next two years if Leeds continues with the fixed Easter break.

### Academic Year 2019 – 2020

March					April					May				
2	9	16	23	30		6	<b>13</b>	20	27		<b>4</b>	11	18	<b>25</b>
3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
6	13	20	27		3	<b>10</b>	17	24	1		8	15	22	29
7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2		9	16	23	30
8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3		10	17	24	31

### Academic Year 2020 – 2021

March					April					May						
1	8	15	22	29		<b>5</b>	12	19	26		<b>3</b>	10	17	24	<b>31</b>	
2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	
3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	
4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	
5	12	19	26			<b>2</b>	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4
6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	28	5	

**1: Please select one option only. Would you prefer:**

**Option 1 – The school Easter break continues to be fixed to the first two weeks of April. Spring and summer terms are more equal in length. Sometimes the Easter bank holidays fall outside of the school holiday. Leeds usually has a different Easter break to other authorities such as Bradford and Wakefield.**

**Or**

**Option 2 – The school Easter break varies from year to year. The Easter weekend is incorporated in the school holiday. The Easter bank holidays fall at the beginning, middle or end of the school break. Sometimes the spring and summer terms are very short or very long. Leeds generally has an Easter break that matches those of other authorities such as Bradford and Wakefield.**

**Option 1 [ ]**

**Option 2 [ ]**

**2: What is the reason for you choosing your preferred option? (tick all that apply)**

**A) childcare [ ] B) parent works at school in a different authority [ ] C) sibling at school in another authority [ ] D) family in a different authority [ ] E) Religions reasons [ ] F) cheaper Holidays [ ] G) other**

**3. Does having a Bank Holiday Monday and/or Friday outside of the school holidays cause any difficulties for you?**

**Yes [ ]**

**No [ ]**

**Not sure [ ]**

**What are the reasons for this? (tick all that apply)**

**A) childcare [ ] B) pupil attendance [ ] C) curriculum planning [ ] D) other**

**4: Do you have any additional comments?**

**5: What is the first part of your postcode? This will only be used to determine the geographical spread of responses.**

**6: Are you: (tick all that apply)**

**Parent/carer [ ]**

**Pupil [ ]**

**Governor [ ]**

**Headteacher [ ]**

**School employee [ ]**

**Local authority employee [ ]**

**Elected member [ ]**

**Leeds resident [ ]**

**Other (please add) [ ]**

**Thank you. Please return this form to your school and they will forward it to  
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