

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

NON-OPERATIONAL DATES (REVISED JULY 2020)

Revised operating dates for home to school transport and catering in August 2020 due to Covid-19

Following the DE's publication of guidance on school re-opening, catering and transport services will be operational in some capacity from 24th-28th August. Non-operational days from September 2020-July 2021 will remain unchanged.

If the school intends to revise the school holiday calendar due to term one starting earlier than anticipated, please ensure compliance with DE Circular 2019/13, 2016/04 and 2013/09.

Schools may choose to identify closure days at any time in their calendar; in lieu of days that they will now be opening to pupils in August 2020. These days should be marked as Optional Closure Days on the calendar, and can be additional to the four optional closures already planned in the 2020/21 school calendar. In total, including the four optional closures allowed for the 2020/21 school year¹, no calendar should include more than nine optional closure days in total. **This arrangement will be for this academic year only.**

On these dates school meals and home-to-school transport (including transport for children with a special educational need) will not be provided by the Authority and school bus/train passes will not be valid.

The revised non-operational dates for 2020/21 (revised July 2020) are as follows:

REVISED NON-OPERATIONAL DATES (INCLUSIVE)	NUMBER OF DAYS
1-23 August 2020	15
31 August 2020	1
29 & 30 October 2020	2
22 December 2020 – 1 January 2021	9
18 & 19 February 2021	2
17 March 2021	1
1 – 9 April 2021	7
3 May 2021	1
31 May 2021	1
1-31 July 2021	22
TOTAL	61

¹ Reference Letter to schools dated 19 December 2019