

Wickham Common

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Dear Parents & Carers

Consultation on holiday arrangements for 2020/21

Following my previous letter of 18th November 2019 and the consultation that we conducted with parents and carers across the Compass Academy Trust schools, I am writing to let you know that we will be proceeding with the two week holiday for the Autumn half term in order to align with our most local secondary school (Hayes), starting in October 2020.

The number of objections to the proposal was very small, less than 5 responses. Whilst, I do understand and indeed sympathise with the difficulties raised by those respondents, we feel that in the light of those supporting such a change we must go with the majority. What is very particular to Wickham Common is that we must align with our nearest secondary school - Hayes, whose dates differ from those of other Bromley secondaries. I realise that this will be problematic for a few families including some of my own staff, but nevertheless for the next year at least, we must align in this manner.

I do want to reinforce that the number of school days for pupils is not changing or decreasing. Children will be in school for 190 days as always. Teachers work an additional 5 days which are the 'non pupil days', set aside for training and development purposes. These days will be published and several will be taken within the school holidays. As a Trust, we will investigate the feasibility of running additional holiday club facilities to assist parents who need child care facilities during this period although the overall amount of holiday per year is not changing. It can be tricky to run clubs during holiday periods since schools undertake all their large building and renovation projects during school holidays which often renders school sites unsafe for children. This has happened for the past two summers at Wickham Common.

So finally, I confirm that the school term dates and non-pupil days for 2020/21 at Wickham Common Primary School are attached.

As always, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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WCPS Holiday Dates 2020-2021		
Term	Dates	Teaching Days
Autumn 2020	Tuesday 1st September 2020 INSET Wednesday 2 nd September 2020- Friday 23 rd October 2020	38
	Half Term Monday 26 th October 2020 – Friday 6 th November 2020 Monday 26th October 2020 INSET	
	Monday 9 th November 2020 – Friday 18 th December 2020	30
	Christmas Break Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday 1 st January 2021	
Spring 2021	Monday 4th January 2021 INSET Day Tuesday 5 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021	29
	Half Term Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021	
	Monday 22 nd February 2021 – Thursday 1 st April 2021	29
	Easter Break Friday 2 nd April 2021 – Friday 16 th April 2021	
Summer 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021 – 28 th May 2021 (May Day Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021)	29
	Half Term Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021	
	Monday 7 th June 2021- Friday 23 rd July 2021	35
Total Number of Teaching Days		190

Likely date for returning to school 2nd September 2021 yet to be confirmed

INSET Days for Staff

- Tuesday 1st September 2020 at WCPS **(Non-pupil day)**
- Monday 26th October 2020 at WCPS **(Non-pupil day)**
- Monday 4th January 2021 at Compass **(Non-pupil day)**
- 2 X disaggregated days for Teachers for additional directed time activities