



Rational

The LA believes that a standard set of holiday dates adopted by all Coventry schools will be better for school attendance, the organisation of admissions and for parents and carers arranging childcare and transport.

Coventry has liaised with LAs in the West Midlands region and two options have been agreed for consultation in the respective authorities. Coventry's bordering neighbours (Warwickshire and Solihull) wish to adopt the same/similar dates and therefore prefer to wait for other authorities to set theirs first. Birmingham City Council has set option 1 for the academic year 2020/21.

Coventry LA principles and protocols were taken into account when setting the options for consideration:

- A school year is 195 days, with 190 pupil days and 5 teacher days;
- 1 teacher day is determined by the LA and 4 days by individual schools;
- Statutory holidays are observed;
- Schools prefer, especially secondary schools, full weeks of teaching wherever possible;
- Schools prefer a full week break at half term and two full weeks at Easter and Christmas; and
- Half-term holidays are set at the same time as those of neighbouring authorities if possible.