

Academic calendar setting context and principles

In setting the academic calendar for Warley Road Academy, a number of factors must be considered and balanced:

- The religious nature and context of the school being predominantly Muslim means the Eid celebrations need to be considered and accounted for
- The pattern of holidays and term times across the year need to balance to create the best conditions for children's learning
- The placement of SATs, and the term time prior, to create the best learning conditions for the children
- The pattern of holidays and term times to create the most effective work/life balance for staff
- The placement and number of attended INSET days needs to reflect the CPD needs of the staff and school improvement priorities
- The placement of holidays needs to create the best conditions for children to achieve good attendance
- Where possible, term dates to match Calderdale dates.

In aiming to meet these demands, the calendar can only do so within the parameters set by statutory obligations:

- There must be 190 days of term time with school open to children.
- There must be 5 days allocated to staff INSET.

It is clear that the calendar will not be able to meet everyone's individual needs, wishes or requests.