



The Norwegian School in London

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School Terms and Holidays 2018-2019

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Autumn Term 2018

Month		School Days
August	(15-17 August: Teachers Planning days) Monday 20 August: First day of School Monday 27 August: National Bank Holiday	9
September		20
October	22-26 October: Autumn Break	18
November		22
December	Wednesday 19 December: Last day before Christmas	13
	Total	82

Spring Term 2019

Month		School Days
January	Tuesday 1 January: National Bank Holiday Friday 4 January: Teachers planning day Monday 7 January: First day after New Year	19
February	18-22 February: Winter Break	15
March		21
April	Friday 12 April: Last day before Easter Monday 29 April: First day after Easter	12
May	Monday 6 May: National Bank Holiday Saturday 11 May: Open Day/ Compulsory School Day Friday 17 May: Norwegian Constitution Day/ Compulsory School Day Monday 27 May: National Bank Holiday Tuesday 28 May: Teachers planning day	21
June	Friday 21 June: Last Day of School	15
	Total	103

Excursions et cetera

Month		School Days
	Excursions and overnight school trips	5
	Total	5

	Total number of School Days 2018-2019	190
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First Day of School 2019-2020: Monday 19 August 2019 (Subject to Change)

London, 25.01.2018
Ivar Chavannes, Head teacher

Appendix

As an Independent School the school enjoys freedom to determine its own school terms and holidays. Typically UK schools will have up to 38 weeks per academic year and the number of lessons will be considerably higher than in primary and secondary schools in Norway.

The Head Teacher has the authority to determine the School Terms and Holidays following consultations with Staff and Parents' Representatives.

According to Norwegian school regulations the required minimum number of school weeks is 38 for maintained schools. For private schools there is no set number of weeks. However all schools are required to provide the same minimum annual number of lessons. Hence there is a tradition to have 38 weeks also for private schools. In addition there will be allocated Inset days for Staff. These days will not influence the School Terms and Holidays for pupils as laid out above.

Traditionally The Norwegian School in London has followed these guidelines for School Terms and Holidays:

- A total of 38 School Weeks (18-20 June make up for 3 Bank Holidays)
- First Day of School: mid or late August according to Norwegian tradition
- Autumn Break: the last week of October (this year week 43)
- Christmas Holidays: two weeks (Our last school day in Dec is earlier than most places in Norway)
- Winter Break: one week mid or late February (This year week 8)
- Easter Holidays: two weeks including the week ending with Good Friday and the week commencing with Easter Monday
- Because of Easter this year the Open Day is on a Saturday in May: Compulsory School Day
- 17 May: Compulsory School Day (also if Saturday or Sunday)
- Last Day of School: around Mid-Summer according to Norwegian tradition
- National Bank Holidays
- Norwegian Holidays (1 May, 17 May, Ascension Day, Whit Monday) have *not* been observed

The following information and documents have been taken into consideration when preparing this draft for School Terms and Holidays for the academic year 2018-2019:

- Traditions of The Norwegian School in London as laid out above
- National Bank Holidays
- School Terms and Holidays 2018-2019 for Merton Council
- School Terms and Holidays for Norway 2018-2019
- Norwegian School Regulations
- Employee Handbook

The required minimum number of school lessons according to Norwegian school regulations has been observed in this plan for 2018-2019.

- First Day of School, Christmas Holidays and Easter Holidays correspond with the School Traditions.
- Autumn Break and Winter Break correspond with the School Traditions and School Terms and Holidays 2018-2019 for Merton Council.
- Last Day of School corresponds with the School Traditions and more or less with School Terms and Holidays for Norway.
- All National Bank Holidays have been observed.

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Head Teacher