



The Norwegian School in London

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School Terms and Holidays 2023-2024

Approved 09.02.2023

Autumn Term 2023

Month		School Days
August	(11-16 August: Teachers' Planning days) Thursday 17 August: First day of School Monday 28 August: National Bank Holiday	10
September		21
October	23-27 October: Autumn Break	17
November		22
December	Friday 15 December: Last day before Christmas	11
	Total	81

Spring Term 2024

Month		School Days
January	Wednesday 3 January: Teachers' planning day Thursday 4 January: First day of School in 2024	20
February	12-16 February: Winter Break	16
March	Friday 22 March: Last day before Easter	16
April	Monday 8 April: First day after Easter Saturday 27 April : Open Day/ Compulsory School Day	18
May	Monday 6 May: National Bank Holiday Friday 17 May : Norwegian Constitution Day/ Compulsory School Day Monday 27 May: National Bank Holiday Tuesday 28 May: Teachers' planning day	20
June	Thursday 20 June: Last Day of School	14
	Total	104

Excursions et cetera

Month		School Days
All months	Excursions and overnight school trips	5
	Total	5

	Total number of School Days 2023-2024	190
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First Day of School 2024-2025: Wednesday 14 August 2024 (Subject to Change)

London, 09.02.2023, Lise Meling Karlsen, 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
- 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 traditionally earlier than most places in Norway)
- Winter Break: one week mid or late February (This year week 7)
- 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 the last Saturday in April: Compulsory School Day
- Norwegian Holiday Labour Day 1 May has been observed
- 17 May: Compulsory School Day (this year on a Friday)
- Last Day of School: around Mid-Summer according to Norwegian tradition
- National Bank Holidays
- Norwegian Holidays 17 May, Ascension Day and White 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 2023-2024:

- Traditions of The Norwegian School in London as laid out above
- National Bank Holidays
- School Terms and Holidays 2023-2024 for Merton Council
- School Terms and Holidays for Norway 2023-2024
- Norwegian School Regulations
- Employee Handbook

The required minimum number of school lessons according to Norwegian school regulations has been observed in this plan for 2023-2024.

- 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 2023-2024 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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