

Appendix 1

Principles for setting the School Working Pattern for schools in the Wigan area

A school working pattern of 193 days will be set to include:

- 190 pupil days
- 2 fixed inset days (start of autumn and spring terms)
- 1 inset day to be determined by schools in their consortia to take place within the summer term

The remaining 2 inset day equivalent will be arranged individually by schools.

The academic year will begin in September.

Autumn half term will be the last full week in October.

There will be a minimum 2 week Christmas break wherever possible.

Spring half term will be the third full week in February.

The Easter break will be set as near to the first two weeks of April as possible but will always include the bank holiday weekend.

The Whitsun, summer half term break, will be the last week in May following the bank holiday.

There will be a 6 week summer break wherever possible.

Part weeks will be kept to a minimum but where necessary will be no fewer than 3 pupil days.