

SHIPHAY LEARNING ACADEMY

TERM DATES

September 2019 – July 2021



Autumn Term 2019

Non-pupil day	Monday 2 nd September 2019
Autumn Term commences	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
School closes for half term	Friday 18 th October 2019
Non-pupil day	Monday 28 th October 2019
School opens after half term	Tuesday 29 th October 2019
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Spring Term commences	Monday 6 th January 2020
School closes for half term	Friday 14 th February 2020
School opens after half term	Monday 24 th February 2020
School closes for Easter	Friday 27 th March 2020

Summer Term 2020

Summer Term commences	Tuesday 14 th April 2020
May Day	Friday 8th May 2020 (Please note change of date/day)
School closes for half term	Friday 22 nd May 2020
School opens after half term	Monday 1 st June 2020
Non-pupil day	Monday 15 th June 2020
School closes for Summer	Friday 17 th July 2020

Autumn Term 2020

Non-pupil days	Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th September 2020
Autumn Term commences	Monday 7 th September 2020
School closes for half term	Friday 23 rd October 2020
Non-pupil day	Monday 2 nd November 2020
School opens after half term	Tuesday 3 rd November 2020
School closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Spring Term commences	Monday 4 th January 2021
School closes for half term	Thursday 11 th February 2021
Non-pupil day	Friday 12 th February 2021
School opens after half term	Monday 22 nd February 2021
School closes for Easter	Thursday 1 st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Summer Term commences	Monday 19 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 rd May 2021
School closes for half term	Friday 28 th May 2021
Non-pupils day	Monday 7 th June 2021
School opens after half term	Tuesday 8 th June 2021
School closes for Summer	Friday 23 rd July 2021

Shiphay Learning Academy Local Governing Body may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. The Governing Body can also decide the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted. Further details can be found in the school's Attendance Policy, found on the school website www.shiphay.com

If a request is made for an absence in term time, you must have Parental Responsibility and be the parent with whom the child normally lives. Permission must be sought in advance by completing an Absence Request form. If you do not have Parental Responsibility and/or do not normally live with the child, you must seek the consent of the parent who does and that person should complete the Absence Request form.

Authorisation for term-time absence **must** be sought **before** booking a holiday in term-time. Absence will **not** be authorised for applications:

During September; this is to allow the children to settle into their new class and establish relationships and routines. Pupils who are absent during this period sometimes never settle back in and have a less than successful year as a result.

During May for Year 2. This is when SATs tasks are undertaken.

During March, April and May (until after SATs are completed) for Year 6 to allow for revision and preparation. We do not spend the year preparing but give intensive support.

During May and June for Year 1 due to the statutory Phonics Screening Check **and also for Year 2 pupils who did not attain the threshold in Year 1** who will be required to retake the test in June.

Where attendance is low; below 90% where attendance is subject to improvement targets.

Please note: If the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absences (one school day is made up of two sessions) within any six month period, parents will be liable to receive a Penalty Notice of £60 per parent/carers, per child if paid in full within 21 days or £120 if paid in full after this time but within 28 days. Part or late payments cannot be accepted and there is no legal right to appeal the Penalty Notice once it has been issued. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid, this is likely to result in Court proceedings being instigated for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance contrary to section 444 Education Act 1996.