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**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2019/20**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to:
  - 1.1 confirm option(s) for school term and holiday dates for Wiltshire's Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools and Community Special Schools for the school year 2019/20.

**School Term & Holidays 2019/20 - Options**

2. The ATL protocol (see Appendix 1) produces the term dates detailed in Appendix 2. Upholding the protocol stringently sees a seven day October break which runs from the 28<sup>th</sup> October to the 5<sup>th</sup> November and establishes a two-week break at the beginning of April which incorporates the Easter bank holidays. The last day of term would be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Discussions with the South West Officers confirm the preference of our neighbouring authorities to consult on options which only include a five day October break. This proposal encompasses an October break running from the 28<sup>th</sup> October to the 1<sup>st</sup> November, with the last day of term falling on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (see Appendix 3). If schools were to use one of their TD days on this Monday then the summer break would be a full 6 weeks.

Appendix 4 shows a proposed calendar which maintains the favoured seven day October break, but running from the 24<sup>th</sup> October to the 1<sup>st</sup> November so as to make terms one and two as nearly equal in length as possible.

**Recommendation**

3. In order to match our neighbour's dates as closely as possible it is recommended that Wiltshire LA consults on the dates proposed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4. This will give schools the opportunity to indicate their preference for either a longer October break or a longer summer break.

**Proposal**

4. This paper is requesting JCC to:
  - 4.1 confirm the proposed option(s) for consultation for school term & holiday dates 2019/20.

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## Wiltshire Council

### School terms and holidays - A protocol for setting dates

- Start the school year on the first working day of September. (If this is a Friday, schools can make their own decisions about whether to make it a professional development day.)
- Start the third session ('term') on the first Monday of January. If this is the New Year public holiday, start on the next day (Tuesday).
- Make the 10 working days preceding the January return the Christmas and New Year holiday. (The last day of the second session will always be 18, 19, 20 or 21 December.)
- Divide the first two sessions with a holiday of seven working days (Monday of the first week to Tuesday of the second) and make the two sessions as nearly equal in length as possible.
- The third and fourth sessions should each be of 28-30 working days and end on the Friday preceding the first Monday of April. They should be separated by a week's holiday (Monday to Friday) in February. If the Friday preceding the first Monday of April is Good Friday, the fourth session should end the day before (Thursday).
- The fifth session should run from the third Monday of April to the Friday preceding the Spring public holiday (the last Monday of May). If the third Monday of April is the Easter Monday public holiday, start on the next day (Tuesday).
- The sixth session should begin on the first Monday of June and run for as long as is necessary to bring the total number of working days for the year to 195.

### Consideration

- It may be decided to vary by a day or two the start of the first session and the end of the sixth in order to
  - reduce the number of weeks in which there are fewer than five working days
  - maintain a nearly constant length for the summer holiday of 38-40 days

### Key dates for planning

- The first working day of September
- The first Monday of January
- The Friday preceding the first Monday of April
- The third Monday of April
- The Friday preceding the last Monday of May
- The first Monday of June

Appendix 2

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/20

ATL Protocol



|           | August/September |   |    |    |    | October |    |    |    |    | November |    |    |    |  |
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| 1     | Mon  | 2nd September, 2019 | Fri  | 25th October, 2019  | 40       |
| 2     | Weds | 6th November, 2019  | Fri  | 20th December, 2019 | 33       |
| 3     | Mon  | 6th January, 2020   | Fri  | 14th February, 2020 | 30       |
| 4     | Mon  | 24th February, 2020 | Fri  | 3rd April, 2020     | 30       |
| 5     | Mon  | 20th April, 2020    | Fri  | 22nd May, 2020      | 24       |
| 6     | Mon  | 1st June, 2020      | Weds | 22nd July 2020      | 38       |
| Total |      |                     |      |                     | 195      |

## Appendix 3

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/20

## Option 1

|           | August/September |   |    |    |    | October |    |    |    |    | November |   |    |    |    |    |
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Appendix 4

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/20

Option 2



|           | August/September |   |    |    |    | October |    |    |    |    | November |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Consultation – Response date 02 February 2018**

Dear Colleague

**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2019/20 - Consultation**

I am writing to seek your views on proposed school term and holiday dates in Wiltshire for 2019/20, which are attached for your comments.

Previous consultations have indicated an overwhelming wish for schools to retain a calendar of 195 days, so as to permit the setting of five staff development days within term time dates. Wiltshire schools have also indicated a strong preference for a seven day October break.

There have been discussions with other Local Authorities in the South West Region in order to agree, as far as possible, common proposed dates.

It was agreed by the Schools Joint Consultative Committee at their meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to consult on 2 options.

**Option 1:** Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 ending on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. This is the option favoured by our neighbouring authorities.

**Option 2:** Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this consultation as widely as possible amongst your staff. I would also ask for your assistance in making parents and organisations local to your school aware of the consultation either by including details in a school newsletter and/or by drawing their attention to the details on the website.

A copy of this document has been forwarded to

- All schools for heads to co-ordinate a *single school response* taking into account the views of all staff
- your clerk to governor with a request that they co-ordinate a reply from the governors.
- The Wiltshire Council website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)) where it can be located as a related page link on the schools and colleges page: [Terms and holidays | Wiltshire Council](#)

The <sup>APPENDIX B</sup> results of this consultation will be collated and presented to the Schools Joint Consultative Committee prior to the final recommended model being determined by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services. All comments received will be taken into consideration during the final decision making process.

Please can I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to forward their comments by whatever means is convenient for you; by posting any comments/observations to the address below, or by e-mail to [directordce@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:directordce@wiltshire.gov.uk). The deadline for responses is **Friday 02 February 2018**. I look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

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School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/20  
Option 1



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Option 2

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**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

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**15 March 2018**

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## **SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2019/20**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this item is:
  - i) to report the findings of the consultation regarding proposed school term and holiday dates for 2019/20.
  - ii) to confirm JCC's support for the recommended school term and holiday dates for Wiltshire's Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools for the school year 2019/20.

### **School Term & Holiday Dates – 2019/20**

2. In line with the recommendation of the JCC at its meeting in November 2017 a variety of interested parties including schools, neighbouring authorities, diocese plus others have been consulted on proposed term dates for 2019/20 (Appendix 1).
3. Appendix 2 details comments received as a result of this consultation.
4. A number of our neighbouring authorities have now either completed or are in the process of consulting on their own school term dates for 2019/20. The majority of our neighbours to the south west have consulted on dates similar to Wiltshire's proposal.

### **Proposal**

5. The JCC is invited to consider the responses to the consultation on the proposed school term and holiday dates for 2019/20 and decide whether to confirm its support for the dates detailed in Option 2 of Appendix 1.

Terence Herbert  
DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/20  
Option 1



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## Option 1 - 5 Day October break

**Schools**

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|---|--|--------|
| Alderbury & West Grimstead C of E (VA) Primary School | We favour model 1 with the earlier finish in July  | 1      |
| Baydon St Nicholas School                             | After consultation with our school community the census is overwhelmingly to take Option 1   | 1      |
| Christ Church Primary School                          | We would like to respond to the above consultation with Option 1 being the preference  | 1      |
| New Forest Primary School                             | Governors voted unanimously in favour of Option 1  | 1      |
| Newtown Primary School                                | Having considered the Options available we would prefer Option 1. All terms would then be a Monday to Friday format and would co- ordinate with our neighbouring schools which fall under different authorities  | 1      |
| Rushall School  | We would like to advise you that we choose option 1  | 1      |
| St John's Primary School, Tisbury                     | My Headteacher, FGB and Teachers all would like to go with option 1 for term dates   | 1      |
| Wootton Bassett Infants School                        | We would like Option 1 vote please   | 1      |
| Matravers School                                      | we would like to reply on behalf of both the school and the Board of Governors, to prefer Option 1 for the 2019/20 term dates. We believe that having a shorter break in October and finishing slightly earlier in July would be the better option, for the following reasons:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 11 and 13 will benefit from the extra days earlier in the year - every day counts then, whereas they will have finished their exams by the end of the year,</li> <li>• All other years will also benefit similarly, and</li> <li>• As the letter mentions, few other authorities use a model with more than a week in the October break. We can see no advantages to Option 2.</li> </ul> | 1      |

**Academies**

| NAME                                 | COMMENT  | OPTION |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Bulford St. Leonard's                | Our preferred option for the 2019/20 school term and holiday dates is Option 1   | 1      |
| Durrington Infants                   | Our preferred option for the 2019/20 school term and holiday dates is Option 1   | 1      |
| St. Michael's, Figheldean            | Our preferred option for the 2019/20 school term and holiday dates is Option 1   | 1      |
| Avon Valley College                  | Our preferred option for the 2019/20 school term and holiday dates is Option 1   | 1      |
| Bradon Forest School                 | Our preference is Option 1   | 1      |
| Devizes School                       | Devizes School has chosen Option 1   | 1      |
| Sheldon School                       | Having considered the two proposals for term dates in 2019/20, Sheldon's preference is very much for option1. With exam results part-way through the summer holidays, we like to create as much time ahead of that for the many staff who have to come in on Results Day (x2) and we would turn the Monday into some Inset to allow a finish on 17th July. We are also not in favour of part weeks, which would happen in option 2 in two places | 1      |
| South Wilts Grammar School for Girls | We would like to express our preference for Option 1 for 2019/20 term dates  | 1      |
| The John Bentley School              | JBS would prefer to go with Option 1 which is for a 5 day break at October half term   | 1      |
| Springfields Academy                 | Following consultation with our staff, it was Option 1 that gained the most votes. Therefore we would like to propose that Option 1 is the calendar for 2019/20  | 1      |

**Parents/other**

| NAME           | COMMENT   | OPTION |
|----------------|---|--------|
| Sarah Soady    | My preferred option is option 1. I believe more parents take their children out of school for 2 weeks over October half term if you provide a split week and this disrupts the class and learning. For a working parent I'd rather have longer in the summer months off work when the weather is better than in October half term. By breaking up earlier in July holidays are often cheaper than in August. My son will be starting school in September 2018 but after being a school governor for 5 years I see the impact parents taking their children out of school has. | 1      |
| Sarah Matthews | I would like to go for option 1 for school terms in wiltshire 2019-2020 as a parent and teacher finishes earlier for the summer and only having a week at October is the preferred option for a variety of reasons.   | 1      |

TOTAL 21

## Option 2 - 7 Day October break

**Schools**

| NAME  | COMMENT  | OPTION |
|---|--|--------|
| Ashton Keynes CoE Primary School                  | The Head Teacher and staff of Ashton Keynes CoE Primary School agreed that Option 2 was the preferred option. The Governors met and discussed the proposal and were in agreement         | 2      |
| Broad Chalke CofE Primary School                  | The staff at this school have indicated a strong preference of Option 2 with the 7 day October break   | 2      |
| Cherhill Primary School                           | We are overwhelmingly in favour of option2   | 2      |
| Churchfields, the Village School                  | Our coordinated school response is option 2  | 2      |
| Crockerton Primary School                         | All the staff at Crockerton School would prefer Option 2   | 2      |
| Greentrees Primary School                         | We prefer Option 2   | 2      |
| Hilmarton Primary School                          | Following a consultation of staff at Hilmarton Primary School our preferred choice is OPTION 2 which gives us 7 days in October and means that the school year ends on Wednesday 22 July | 2      |
| Kings Lodge School                                | The preferred option at our school is Option 2   | 2      |
| Ludgershall Castle Primary School                 | Ludgershall Castle Primary School prefer option 2. We feel the children benefit from the extra couple of days holiday in the long winter term  | 2      |
| Neston Primary School                             | Our responses for the consultation were Option 2 = 22, Option 1 = 0  | 2      |
| Oaksey CofE Primary School                        | Option 2 is the preferred option   | 2      |
| Old Sarum Primary School                          | Old Sarum Primary School staff and governors have voted to choose option 2 on the term dates 2019/20 consultation  | 2      |
| Redland Primary School                            | Our Governors voted for option 2 - a seven day October break with term six ending on Wednesday 22 July   | 2      |
| St John's Catholic Primary School, Trowbridge     | After a consultation with our staff at St. John's it was agreed that the majority wanted to go with Option 2 for Holidays 2019/20  | 2      |
| St Michael's CofE Aided Primary                   | Our preference is option2  | 2      |
| St Nicholas CofE (VC) Primary School              | I would like to record my school's response to the School term and holiday dates consultation as Option 2  | 2      |
| St Patrick's Catholic Primary School              | St Patrick's consultation favours option 2   | 2      |
| St Paul's Primary School                          | The majority chose option 2 with the 7-day October Break   | 2      |
| St Thomas A Becket CE (Aided) Primary School      | The staff and Governors at St Thomas à Becket CE (Aided) Primary School would prefer OPTION 2  | 2      |
| St. George's Catholic Primary School Warminster   | We would like to propose Option 2  | 2      |
| Sutton Benger CofE Aided Primary School           | Option 2 is the preferred option   | 2      |
| Westbury Infant School                            | The single school response from Westbury Infant School staff is for Option 2   | 2      |
| Winterslow Church of England Aided Primary School | Winterslow Primary school would like to propose Option 2 for term dates 2019-20  | 2      |
| Woodlands Primary School                          | Our Headteacher, Matthew Kitley, has discussed this with staff and Governors and has asked me to let you know that we would prefer Option 2  | 2      |
| Abbeyfield School                                 | The views of Abbeyfield School and community are to go with Option 2   | 2      |
| St Joseph's Catholic School, Salisbury            | Option 2 would be preferable   | 2      |
| Rowdeford School                                  | Consultation has taken place at Rowdeford School and the majority have opted for the dates specified on Option 2   | 2      |

**Academies**

| NAME   | COMMENT  | OPTION |
|--|--|--------|
| Dauntsey Academy Primary                       | We would like to go for Option 2   | 2      |
| Corsham Primary School                         | We have consulted staff and Corsham Primary School would prefer Option 2   | 2      |
| Holy Trinity Church of England Primary Academy | We would prefer Option 2 for 2019/20   | 2      |
| Pembroke Park Primary School                   | Option 2 would be the preferred option   | 2      |
| St Bartholomews Primary Academy                | St Bartholomews Primary Academy governing board have voted for option 2 for the 2019/20 term date consultation   | 2      |
| The Mead Community Primary School              | We have displayed the 2 options in the staff room and have received an overwhelming majority of 15/1 for Option 2  | 2      |
| Woodford Valley Primary Academy                | We would prefer option 2 for 2019/20   | 2      |
| Malmesbury School                              | Malmesbury School would like to go with Option 2   | 2      |
| St Edmund's Girls' School                      | I would like to confirm that our preference would be for Option 2, which has a longer holiday in October.  | 2      |
| St John's Marlborough                          | I should like to confirm that St John's Marlborough have decided on Option 2 of the calendar dates, i.e. with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Wednesday the 22nd July | 2      |
| St Laurence School                             | St Laurence School would prefer Option 2 for 2019/20 Term and Holiday Dates  | 2      |

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| <b>Parents/other</b> |
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| NAME                   | COMMENT  | OPTION |
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| Anna Brindle           | I prefer option 2, with the 7 day break in October   | 2      |
| Ian Stone              | As a parent I would prefer option 2. This enables family's some quality time before the rest of the uk break up and I suspect reduces unauthorised absences.<br>Option 1 gives a really long term of 8 weeks after the summer break, to long due children and teachers.<br>Option 2 has worked well in the past, why change something which isn't broken?  | 2      |
| Katharine Davis        | I wish to state that my personal preference is Option 2 (the longer October Half term)   | 2      |
| Lynzey Paradise        | I fully support Option 2 with a seven day October break.<br>It allows far more opportunity for families to get away without encroaching on school time and is vital for kids needing a good rest and refresh before the ramp up to Christmas etc.  | 2      |
| Nicola Brooks          | I am a teacher at a Wiltshire school and would like to express a preference for option 2 of the current term dates up for consultation   | 2      |
| Richard Woods          | I would like to vote for Option 2  | 2      |
| Shelley Ashkowski      | I would like to register my vote for option 2 of your consultation. As both a teacher and a parent I recognise how long and tiring the first 2 terms of the academic year can be and this can be a least a little offset by an extended October holiday. This has been well-received in my school in the past few years and ultimately I think it leads to lower rates of absence through illness for both teachers and students | 2      |
| Stephen and Alice Bull | We would prefer option 2 - seven day October half term with term 6 ending Wednesday 22nd July. We very much value the additional time off in the middle of the long autumn term  | 2      |

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