

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES - CLLR LAURA MAYES**

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### **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS 2016/17**

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to ask the cabinet member to agree the school term and holiday dates for 2016/17 for Wiltshire's Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools.

#### **Consultation**

A protocol for the setting of school term & holiday dates has been endorsed by the Teachers Joint Consultative Committee and County Secretaries (see Appendix A). In line with the recommendations set out in this protocol, one 195 term day calendar was proposed for consultation.

Consultations with schools, neighbouring authorities, members, public and other interested parties have been completed (see Appendix B).

The Teachers Joint Consultative Committee and County Secretaries considered and noted the consultation responses at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March (see Appendix C) and is recommending the consultation dates proposed in Appendix C.

#### **Options Considered**

It was decided to consult on a 195 term day calendar for 2016/17 based on the results of previous years' consultation. This had revealed that the majority of schools were not in favour of options showing less than 195 days due to the lack of flexibility offered for the setting of teacher development days and therefore the difficulties in securing quality trainers.

#### **Reason for Decision**

As dictated by Section 32 of the Education Act 2002, the local authority is responsible for determining the term dates for all community, voluntary controlled or community special schools in Wiltshire.

### **DECISION MADE**

To approve the school term and holiday dates for 2016/17 for Wiltshire's Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools 19 October 2015.

This decision was published on 22 October 2015 and will come into force on 30 October 2015.

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

CS-02-15 Report and Appendices

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Cllr Laura Mayes  
Cabinet Member for Children's Services