
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2017/18

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, and Community Special Schools for the school year 2017/18.

School Term & Holidays 2017/18 - Options

2. The government announced last month of their decision not to commence the provision within the Deregulation Act 2015 which would have allowed all state schools in England to decide their own school term and holiday dates. The determining of dates for Wiltshire's Community, Voluntary Controlled, and Community Special Schools therefore will remain with the Local Authority so we will need to confirm options and follow the consultation process for the 2017/18 school year.

The ATL protocol (see Appendix 1) produces the term dates detailed in Option 1(a). Upholding the protocol stringently sees the school year commence on the first working day of September with the Easter break commencing on the first Monday of April. The protocol also stipulates that the October holiday should run for seven working days. The last day of term would be Thursday 26th July and would see a summer holiday of five weeks and one day.

Option 1(b) applies the ATL protocol but varies by a day the start of the first session and end of the sixth in order to equalise teaching blocks into full weeks. This would allow for a six week summer break between the 2016/17 academic year and the start of the 2017/18 academic year. The last day of term would be Friday 27th July with a summer holiday of five weeks.

Some of our neighbouring authorities have begun their consultation process and are consulting on options which see the school year commence on Monday the 4th of September, applying a five day October break with the Easter break running from 26th March to the 6th April (see Option 2). These considerations allow for a summer holiday of five weeks and three days.

Option 3 shows a calendar highlighting in orange where there are key variances between the three options. Deciding on which of these key dates to follow will determine the calendar/s for onward consultation.

Recommendation

3. To consider the proposed start date for the 2017/18 academic year, the timing of the Easter break, and to produce calendars with options for a five day October break and a seven day October break to take out to consultation.

Proposal

4. This paper is requesting JCC to:
 - 4.1 confirm the proposed option(s) for consultation for school term & holiday dates 2017/18.

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

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2017-18
Option 1 (a) ATL Protocol



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Option 1 (b) ATL Protocol



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Option 2 Neighbouring Authorities



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Option 3 Summary of variances



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27 November 2015

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Headteachers & Clerks to Governors of
all Wiltshire maintained Schools

LA Circ: A249/15

Consultation – Response date 05 February 2016

Dear Colleague

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2017/18 - Consultation

I am writing to seek your views on proposed school term and holiday dates in Wiltshire for 2017/18, 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. The timing of the Easter festival has created some division between authorities on when Term 4 should end, and the decision on when to commence the school year has also been divisive.

It was agreed by the Schools Joint Consultative Committee at their meeting on the 26th November to consult on 2 options. Both options see the school year commencing on the 1st September, giving schools the option using one of their staff development days on this Friday, and include the preferred seven day October break.

Option 1: Applies the main principles of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) protocol. Term 4 ends on the 29th March (Maundy Thursday) and sees term 6 finishing on Thursday 26th July.

Option 2: Incorporates the Easter bank holidays into the break, giving an extra teaching week before the start KS2 SATs. This is an option favoured by some of our neighbouring authorities. Term 6 finishes on Wednesday 25th 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) where it can be located as a related page link on the schools and colleges page: [Terms and holidays | Wiltshire Council](#)

The 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. The deadline for responses is **Friday 05 February 2016**. I look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

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JCC
22 March 2016

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2017/18

Purpose

1. The purpose of this item is:
 - i) to report the findings of the consultation regarding proposed school term and holiday dates for 2017/18.
 - ii) to consider the feedback received from WASSH regarding the timing of the Christmas break.
 - 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 2017/18.

School Term & Holiday Dates – 2017/18

2. In line with the recommendation of the JCC at its meeting in November 2015 a variety of interested parties including schools, neighbouring authorities, diocese plus others have been consulted on proposed term dates for 2017/18 (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 2017/18. A comparison of dates is shown in Appendix 3.

Proposal

5. The JCC is invited to consider the responses to the consultation on the proposed school term & holiday dates for 2017/18 and decide:
 - i) to confirm its support for the dates detailed in Option 1 of Appendix 1
or
 - ii) to further consider the timing of the Christmas break.

CAROLYN GODFREY
DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Option 1

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
St George's Catholic Primary, Warminster	Following consultation with staff. The preferred option is option 1	1
Churchfields, The Village School	I am writing to confirm that following consultation with staff, option 1 is preferred by Churchfields, the Village School.	1
Greentrees Primary	We would prefer option 1.	1
St Nicholas CE Primary, Porton	I have consulted with my staff we prefer Option 1. However we would ask that you look again at the Christmas Holiday and consider changing those dates to 21st Dec 2017 – 3rd Jan 2018 as a more workable holiday break.	1 *
St Katharine's CofE (VC) Primary School	Our staff have considered the school term and holiday dates 2017/18 and have unanimously agreed that their preferred option is Option 1.	1
Rushall CofE VA Primary School	I would prefer Option 1 for the Easter Break.	1
Nursteed Primary School	The staff of Nursteed School who have expressed a preference have opted for Option 1 of the two proposed alternatives.	1
Kennet Valley CE Aided Primary School	Having discussed the options with staff and governors we are all agreed that option 1 is our preferred option	1
Langley Fitzurse	In response to the term terms and holiday dates 2017-18 consultation, Langley Fitzurse primary school would like to register a preference for Option 1.	1
St Andrew's CE VA Primary School, Laverstock	Our school community has looked at the options outlined in your email of 27/11/15 and we would prefer the Option 1	1
St Mary's Church of England Infant School Marlborough	St Mary's preferred Option 1 with more equal terms.	1
Rushall CofE VA Primary School - Governors	Our preference would be option 1.	1
Abbeyfield School	I can confirm that the consultation at Abbeyfield School favours Option 1 for the proposed term dates for 2017/18	1

Academies

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Netheravon All Saints CE Primary School	The majority option chosen after consultation is – Option 1.	1
St Peter's CofE Academy	Please find attached Option 1 which was the preferred option for term dates in 2017-2018 for St Peter's C of E Academy	1
South Wilts Grammar School for Girls	I am writing to advise you that the preference of South Wilts Grammar School for term dates 2017-18 would be Option 1	1
Devizes School	Further to the above I can confirm that the preferred option after consulting senior staff at Devizes School is for Option 1. And, although not part of the consultation, we are concerned about the early finish i.e. 15 Dec 17. We think it is too early and would support a revised term date end of Fri 22 Dec	1 *
Sheldon	With specific regard to the options that were presented, the balance is in favour of Option 1 to create an even distribution of weeks in each term either side, rather than a 5:7 split; however, this option was by no means unanimous and some staff were happy with Option 2. We will work with whatever decision Wiltshire produces on this one.	1

Parents/other

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
		1

TOTAL 18

* denotes responses which raise the timing of the Christmas break as an issue

Option 2

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Ashton Keynes CE Primary School	I have received and read the suggested term dates for 2017/2018. I would prefer option 2 for KS2 SATs reasons. However, I would like to make an observation in particular which I know is the same in both options. I am really disappointed that the term 2 end seems to be shifting earlier and earlier ending on 15 th (ten days before Christmas) and returning on 2 nd January, which I think is too early. Ending term 2 so early puts Nativity, choir concerts forward so that all the children who prepare for these have to start this even earlier and it is a full 10 days before Christmas. Starting the year even earlier on 2 nd risks attendance being an issue with children being 'absent' due to being away from home for new year's day and puts pressure on our attendance figures. If the end of term 2 was delayed until the following Wednesday 20 th December, the new year could start back on Thursday 4 th January. These are just my observations and I know we are not being asked to comment on anything other than the 2 options given but I feel I need to share my thoughts.	2 *
St Sampson's CE Primary School	I am writing in response to your consultation regarding term dates for the academic year 2017/2018. My preference would be to follow the same dates as other authorities and go for Option 2 so that we have an additional week before SATs. However, what concerns me far more, and is practically more difficult, is the fact that we are due to break up on 15th December. This is very early. Like other primary schools, we would be looking at the children performing in a nativity, hosting a carol concert and having a Christmas dinner and party for the children. Whilst we take great care not to take too much learning time to prepare these events, I think that it is unrealistic with this proposed end of term date to get everything done in the last week of term and any earlier is too far away Christmas itself. It is not fair on the parents, children or staff to start Christmas too early. I cannot imagine that parents will be happy with the children being off school a full 15 days before Christmas day itself and I feel that the break of 15th Dec - 2nd January is unlikely to tie in with working parents' festive leave. Indeed, I think coming back to work on 2nd January after the New Year the day before is also quite hard as families will be travelling and could well not be back in time for the start of term. I am not sure if I am the only one who feels strongly about this but is it possible to take this back as part of the consultation? I am writing in response to the consultation regarding term dates for the academic year 2017/2108 on behalf of the governing body of St Sampsons Primary School, Cricklade. Our preference would be for Option 2. We would like, however, to echo the thoughts of our headteacher that December 15th is very early to break up for the Christmas break. This will put a great deal of pressure on the school to fulfill its calendar of events for December while maintaining focus on learning throughout the month (and not starting the Christmas celebrations unseasonably early). As important is the pressure on parents arranging Christmas leave to cover the week before the 25th, often a very busy time for many of our working parents when leave can be restricted. We strongly suggest that this date be re-considered as part of the consultation.	2 *
King's Lodge School	The preferred option from King's Lodge School is OPTION 2	2
Collingbourne CE Primary	After consultation with the head, SLT and Governors, I can confirm that the preferred option here at Collingbourne C of E Primary School, is Option 2 .	2
Clarendon Junior	Please be advised that, at a meeting of the FGB of Clarendon Junior School on 1 st February 2016, the Governors voted unanimously in favour of Option 2 for the School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/18.	2
Avon Valley College	On behalf of Avon Valley College we would like to go with Option 2 for 2017/18	2

Academies

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Dauntsey Academy Primary School	Philippa Winbolt, our Acting Headteacher, has asked me to get back to you reference the above. We are in favour of Option 2.	2
Corsham Primary	Corsham Primary would prefer OPTION 2.	2
Chilton Foliat Primary School	Chilton Foliat Primary School have circulated and discussed the 2 options proposed for the term dates for 2017/18 and have agreed to adopt Option 2.	2
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	My preference would be to follow the same dates as other authorities and go for Option 2 so we have an extra week preparation time for GCSE and A level exams. However what concerns me far more is the finish at Christmas of December 15th. It is not fair on the parents, children or staff to start Christmas too early. We either have to disrupt learning too early or not have any festivities at all. Neither of these options are good for students. I cannot imagine that parents will be happy with the children being off school a full 10 days before Christmas day itself and I feel that the break of 15th Dec - 2nd January is unlikely to tie in with working parents' festive leave. Indeed, I think coming back to work on 2nd January after the New Year the day before is also quite hard as families will be travelling and could well not be back in time for the start of term. We believe the end of term should be on the 20th Dec or even 21st with the other days given back in January.	2 *
St Augustine's Catholic College	Option 2, however for us a 1 week half term preferred, then end on 23.07.18	2
Melksham Oak	The Academy Trust of Melksham prefer Option 2	2

Parents/other

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
		2

TOTAL 12

Miscellaneous comments

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Liz Stephenson, Clerk to Governors, St Mary's CE Primary School, Purton	My only comment is that the Christmas holidays in both options are awful. Back on 2nd Jan!!! Far far too long before Christmas!!! Will be difficult to get all the festivities fitted in. We will be forced to do some of it in November I fear! As long as we have the same holidays as schools in Swindon. If it is different then it will make it very difficult for lots of staff whose children are at school elsewhere.	*
Martin Watson - Chair of WASSH	The issue of term dates came up at WASSH today and I have been asked to contact you about the consultation over term dates for 2017-18. Secondary heads were disappointed to be only given the option to voice opinions over two options concerning Easter holidays. They have less of a view over this than the timing of the Christmas break, which they feel starts far too early. The academies do not intend ending term 2 as early as 15th December. Instead they will finish on Wednesday 20th, returning on Friday 5th January, making that a training day. They will also not be starting term 1 on Friday 1st September. Perhaps it would in future make sense to indicate the likely term dates with WASSH and PHF so that the real issues can be identified, and these consulted on.	*
The New Forest Primary School	On behalf of the Governing Body of The New Forest Primary School I would like to respond that the feedback from our governing body echoes the same issues in line with those raised by WASSH (of which one of our governors is a member and who attended their meeting held yesterday on 4 Feb 2016).	*

Comparison of term dates with neighbouring authorities - 2017/18

Authority	Consulting/ Proposed/ Agreed	term 1	term 2	term 3	term 4	term 5	term 6	Total
Wiltshire	P (opt 1)	1/9/17 - 18/10/17 34 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 29/3/18 29 days	16/4/18 - 25/5/18 29 days	4/6/18 - 26/7/18 39 days	195
Swindon	A	1/9/17 - 18/10/17 34 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 29/3/18 29 days	16/4/18 - 25/5/18 29 days	4/6/18 - 26/7/18 39 days	195
Dorset	P	4/9/17 - 20/10/17 35 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 29/3/18 29 days	16/4/18 - 25/5/18 29 days	4/6/18 - 25/7/18 38 days	195
Hampshire	P	4/9/17 - 20/10/17 35 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 29/3/18 29 days	16/4/18 - 25/5/18 29 days	4/6/18 - 25/7/18 38 days	195
Devon	A	4/9/17 - 20/10/17 35 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 29/3/18 29 days	16/4/18 - 25/5/18 29 days	4/6/18 - 27/7/18 40 days	197
BANES	A(SW)	4/9/17 - 20/10/17 35 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 23/3/18 25 days	9/4/18 - 25/5/18 34 days	4/6/18 - 24/7/18 37 days	195
Bristol City Council	P(SW)	4/9/17 - 20/10/17 35 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 23/3/18 25 days	9/4/18 - 25/5/18 34 days	4/6/18 - 24/7/18 37 days	195
North Somerset	A(SW)	4/9/17 - 20/10/17 35 days	30/10/17 - 15/12/17 35 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 23/3/18 25 days	9/4/18 - 25/5/18 34 days	4/6/18 - 24/7/18 37 days	195
South Gloucestershire	A	1/9/17 - 20/10/17 36 days	30/10/17 - 18/12/17 36 days	2/1/18 - 9/2/18 29 days	19/2/18 - 23/3/18 25 days	9/4/18 - 25/5/18 34 days	4/6/18 - 20/7/18 35 days	195
Gloucestershire	Model not issued for consultation. Views sought to create a model.							
Somerset	Consultation proposal not determined as yet.							

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Consultation – Update to A249/15

Dear Colleague

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2017/18 – Consultation Update

I am writing to update you on the proposed school term and holiday dates for the 2017/18 academic year.

The consultation undertaken in my letter [A249-15 School Term and Holiday dates 2017-18 Consultation](#) dated 27th November 2015 has now closed. The results have been presented to the Schools Joint Consultative Committee at their meeting on the 24th March, with a view to endorsing the preferred option prior to the final recommended model being determined by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

Option 1 was the preferred option and is favoured by the JCC to progress to the delegated decision stage. All comments received through the consultation process have been taken into consideration as part of the decision making process, and it was noted that there were a number of representations regarding the timing of the Christmas break.

In response to the feedback received I am proposing to open the consultation for a further two weeks to take into account an additional option:

Option 1: This is the preferred option from the original consultation and sees term 2 finish on Friday 15th of December with term reconvening on Tuesday 2nd January, giving a break of two full weeks and three weekends. This break has been adopted by the majority of our neighbouring authorities, including Swindon, Dorset, Hampshire, Devon, B&NES, Bristol, and Gloucestershire.

Option 2: This option has been discounted after the initial consultation and will not be considered any further.

Option 3 ^{new}: Follows the principles set out in Option 1 but moves the Christmas break so the last day of term 2 is Wednesday 20th December and the start of term 3 Thursday 4th January. Term 6 then finishes a day earlier on Wednesday 25th July.

I attach copies of the Option 1 calendar and the Option 3 calendar for your consideration.

If you would like to amend your consultation response as a result of this change, please post your comments/observations to the address below, or by e-mail to directordce@wiltshire.gov.uk. The deadline for responses is **Friday 22 April 2016**.

I look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

Nicola McCann

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2017-18
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Option 3 - Christmas Break Amendment



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Option 1

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Churchfields, The Village School	Option 1 preferred please.	1
Wilton and Barford Primary School	I would prefer Option 1	1
Chilton Foliat Primary School	Chilton Foliat Primary School are in support of the preferred option (Option 1).	1
The Stonehenge School	Can confirm that Option 1 is our preferred preference.	1

Academies

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
South Wilts Grammar School	I can confirm that South Wilts Grammar would like to remain with Option 1 please.	1
Devizes School	We have discussed the item below at SLT today and would like to support Option 1 from Devizes School.	1
Pewsey Primary School	Option 1 for Pewsey Primary School please	1

Parents/other

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Parent from New Forest School	Personally I think we should stick with the original option (option 1) with the school breaking up on the 15th. By moving the holiday by a week, working parents such as myself will have to pay for child care and there is likely to be less on in that second week when other schools have gone back.	1

TOTAL 8

Option 3

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
St Sampson's CE Primary School	I would like to support Option 3 whereby we break up on 20th December rather than 15th December.	3
Ashton Keynes CE Primary School	I would like to support Option 3 to break up on 20th December rather than 15th December.	3
Sutton Benger CE Primary	At Sutton Benger CE Primary we would prefer option 3 in which the final day of Term 2 is Wednesday 20th December and the start of Term 3 is Thursday 4th January.	3
Whiteparish All Saints CE Primary School	In light of the new option 3, we are in favour of this option as we feel that breaking up for Xmas on the 15th December is far too early.	3
St George's Catholic Primary, Warminster	St. George's preferred option is Option 3	3
St Mary's CE Infants, Marlborough	I think that the new option 3 is the best option.	3
Collingbourne CE Primary	In consultation with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors we would like to change our response to Option 3.	3
Christ Church Primary	Please note that we would prefer to use Option 3.	3
Alderbury and West Grimstead CE VA Primary School	As a school, we fully support the dates proposed in option 3.	3
St Katharine's CofE (VC) Primary	The staff of this school would prefer Option 3.	3
St Paul's Primary	I have displayed both options for the 2017/18 term dates on our staff noticeboard and there was a unanimous response in favour of option 3.	3
Downton C of E Primary	I and my staff would like to confirm our choice for option 3	3
Broad Chalke Primary School	Our preferred option is 'Option 3'	3
Great Bedwyn Primary	The staff and Governors of Great Bedwyn School would like to support Option 3.	3

Academies

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	Thank you for this, I would like to choose option 3 now.	3
Woodford Valley Primary Academy	We would have preference for option 3.	3
Melksham Oak	We would prefer option 3	3
Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CE Primary	The new option 3 is best. A whole week of holiday before Christmas Day is not a good option - it threatens to push our Christmas activities into November or make them so condensed as to be exhausting for everyone. Similarly there is little recovery after the Christmas period and after New Year's Day before returning to school. We have observed the same issue with the 2016/17 calendar and have made local adjustments to combat this.	3
Sheldon School	Thank you for offering a third option for consideration for 2017/18. Of the options on the table, we would favour this new option 3.	3
John Bentley	Further to your correspondence of 11 th April 2016 I am replying on behalf of Jason Tudor, Principal of The John Bentley School, Calne to confirm that we would favour the new Option 3 with the Christmas break starting on Thursday 21 st December 2017 returning on Thursday 4 th January 2018.	3
St John's School Marlborough	St John's Marlborough (Granhams Hill, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 4AX) would like to opt for Option 3 – with the last day of term before the Christmas break as Wednesday, 20 December 2017.	3
Corsham Primary	Thanks for the update and new option. We have talked to staff today about the two options and would like to change our preference to Option 3 please.	3
Hardenhuish	Further to the recent update sent out, we would like to select the new Option 3.	3
Christian Malford Primary School	The preferred option of the Local Board of Christian Malford,	3
Seagry Primary School	Seagry and Somerfords' Walter Powell Primary Schools is Option	3
Somerfords' Walter Powell Primary School	3.	3

TOTAL 26

Miscellaneous comments

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Chapmanslade CE VA Primary	I would prefer option 2 for School term dates 2017-18. However, may I add that, whichever option is finally chosen, I think it is ridiculous to have the extra 2 days off for October half term, and to not wrap the Easter fortnight around the bank holiday weekend, and to then keep going to either the 26th or 25th July. The summer is pretty much over by the end of July and I cannot remember ever being in school this late into July. The children and staff will all be exhausted and dragging out the final term to 38 or 39 days long is a waste of valuable learning time that could be far better spent earlier in the academic year. Any school wanting the extra days after New Year's Day or before Half Term have the option of using TD Days to meet their pupils' needs.	