

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL****AGENDA ITEM NO.****JCC****16 March 2017**

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**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2018/19****Purpose**

1. The purpose of this item is:
  - i) to report the findings of the consultation regarding proposed school term and holiday dates for 2018/19.
  - 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 2018/19.

**School Term & Holiday Dates – 2018/19**

2. In line with the recommendation of the JCC at its meeting in November 2016 a variety of interested parties including schools, neighbouring authorities, diocese plus others have been consulted on proposed term dates for 2018/19 (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 2018/19. The majority of our neighbours to the south west have consulted on dates similar to Wiltshire's proposal. 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 and holiday dates for 2018/19 and decide whether to confirm its support for the dates detailed in Option 1 of Appendix 1

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-19  
OPTION 1

	August/September					October					November					
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28
Thursday	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		

  

	December					January					February					
Monday		3	10	17	24 31		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27
Thursday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28
Friday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	

  

	March					April					May					
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	

  

	June					July					August/September						
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	2
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	3
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29	
Friday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	31	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25	1	

**Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019**

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2018	Term 1	38
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2018	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2019	Term 3	30
Good Friday	19th April 2019	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	22nd April 2019	Term 5	23
May Day Holiday	6th May 2019	Term 6	39
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2019	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2019		

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019  
OPTION 2

	August/September	October	November
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	30 6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	31 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	December	January	February
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24

	March	April	May
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

	June	July	August/September
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1

**Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019**

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2018	Term 1	40
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2018	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2019	Term 3	30
Good Friday	19th April 2019	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	22nd April 2019	Term 5	23
May Day Holiday	6th May 2019	Term 6	37
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2019	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2019		

## Option 1 - 7 Day October break

## Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Bishops Cannings Church of England (Aided) Primary School	Bishops Cannings governors have voted for Option 1.	1
Chilton Foliat Primary School	After consultation with the staff and Governing Body of Chilton Foliat Primary School; it has been formally agreed that our school are in support of Option 1 from the consultation letter.	1
Churchfields, the Village School	Following staff consultation, the majority of staff would like to go with Option 1 please.	1
Clarendon Junior School	Following the Governing Body meeting of 07/12/2016, I have been asked to forward the school and GB preference for Option 1 (7 day October half-term holiday).	1
Fiona Marshall on behalf of Broad Chalke, Ludwell, Princecroft, Horningsham, Great Wishford, Crockerton & Heytesbury Governors	The six governors that have responded to me all felt that option 1 was better - the longer October half term is more valuable to children and families than the slightly longer summer holiday.	1
Grove Primary School	The staff and governors at The Grove Primary School would prefer Option 1 with a seven day October break.	1
King's Lodge School	The majority of staff in our school preferred option number 1	1
Ludgershall Castle Primary School	I would like to confirm that we favour Option 1 – a seven day break in October, as this is a very long term for the children, with the slightly shorter summer break.	1
Newton Tony School	From Newton Tony school staff - 5 prefer Option 1, 2 prefer Option 2	1
Rowdeford School	We have consulted our members of staff and the preference, by a very large majority, was to go for option 1.	1
Rushall VA Primary	We have selected option 1 as our preferred choice.	1
Southwick Primary School	Our staff unanimously (more than 20 people) chose option 1 with the longer half term break in October.	1
St George's Catholic Primary School, Warminster	St George's preferred option is option 1 for school terms and holiday dates 2018/19.	1
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	At the Governing Body Meeting 31/1/2017, Governors selected option 1 for School term holiday dates 18/19. Preference was for the additional 2 days at October half term.	1
St. George's Catholic Primary School Warminster	St Georges preferred option is 1.	1
Sutton Veny Primary	Option 1 was the overwhelming preference from staff at Sutton Veny.	1
Winsley Primary School	On behalf of the Head and staff of Winsley Primary School I would like to pass on a slight preference for the proposed Option 1 for term dates in 2018/19. This option would give a slightly shorter term 1, which we feel would be beneficial for our Reception pupils, and would remove a "dangling" two days from the end of term 6 in July 2019.	1
Winterslow School	The full governing body decision/preference is option one. This decision was made at the full governing body meeting held on 24/1/17.	1
Wyvern College	Following a recent consultation with staff, the school have voted 3 to 1 in favour of taking option 1, the 7 day half-term	1

**Academies**

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Castle Mead School	82% of staff chose Option 1 which has 7 days off in October/November and 5 weeks and 1 day off in July/August.	1
Corsham Regis Primary Academy	Having consulted, Option 1 is the most popular option	1
Devizes School	In response to the above consultation, Option 1, a 7 day October break, is the preference for Devizes School.	1
Hardenhuish School	Please could I register a Hardenhuish preference for Option 1 with a 7 day October break.	1
Holy Trinity Church of England Primary Academy	We would like offer our view that Option 1 makes more sense.	1
Malmesbury School	Malmesbury School would like to go with Option 1	1
Netheravon All Saints C of E Primary School	I have consulted staff and governors to gain the views of stakeholders mentioned above. Of the responses I have received, the majority response from Netheravon All Saints is Option 1; A seven day break in October, with term 6 ending on Thursday 25th July.	1
Rowde C of E Primary Academy	The Governors and staff of Rowde C of E Primary Academy prefer Option 1 with a longer break in October	1
Royal Wootton Bassett	These are the agreed and published Royal Wootton Bassett Academy term dates for 2018-19	1
St Bartholomew's Primary Academy	In the LGB meeting of the 19th January 2017 it was agreed that the board preferred Option 1 as it would be nearer to the term structure of the local secondary school and would allow the first term to be slighter shorter than 8 weeks.	1
St Edmund's Girls' School	We would prefer Option 1, showing a seven day October break with term 6 ending on Thursday 25th July.	1
The Mead	We have recently carried out the above consultation with our staff and we had an overwhelming majority in favour of Option 1.	1
Wansdyke School	Following consultation I can confirm that the overwhelming majority opted for option one	1
Woodford Valley Primary Academy	We would prefer option 1 for 2018/ 19	1

**Parents/other**

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Alexandra Holsgrove Jones	I would favour Option 1 (with a seven day October break). This is the time of the year when, in my experience, the children benefit from a longer break.	1
Andrew Wylie	As I am a working parent I find the school summer holidays already problematic to cover due to their length so would like to vote for Option one	1
Annette Keightley	We have enjoyed the Option 1 (the seven day October Half Term), as we generally go away at this time and found in previous years that we are able to enjoy a better deal, as not all authorities choose this option so the Holiday companies only make the peak time just for the week.	1
Beverley Clark	My vote would be for the longer October holiday (Option 1). As a Teaching Assistant in a Wiltshire School, I find taking a holiday then to be a more reasonable cost than in the summer and I am sure the same would go for most parents.	1
Caroline Wylie	As I am a working parent I find the school summer holidays already problematic to cover due to their length so would like to vote for Option one.	1
Chris Jones	Option 1 please.	1
Diane Bailey	My preferred dates for the 2018/19 school year would be option 1 with a slightly longer October half term and shorter summer holiday. The summer holiday is a long break anyway and I think the children would benefit more from having longer in the autumn. This would also allow more flexibility for families to take holidays outside of the main summer season.	1

Heidi Down	I would have to say that for us being a farming family that the longer October holiday works so much better for us. We can have a few extra days away as we simply can not take time in the summer holidays as we are harvesting. I'm sure many farming families would agree!	1
Helen Dallimore	With respect to the 2 options I would like to confirm Option 1 as our family preference.	1
Helen Roberts	I would prefer option 1 as it aligns with my older child's secondary school holiday dates.	1
Lucy Clark	From a working parents point of view, it would be a lot easier regarding childcare to have a 7 day holiday in October as opposed to making the longest holiday (summer) even longer. Making the summer holiday shorter and October half term longer will certainly help divide and ease the financial pressure of both childcare and entertainment/days out for the children. As for family holidays, it is no secret the price of holidays during the summer break is quite frankly disgusting. Having the longer October break will enable many families to be able to afford a holiday without taking children out of school during term time. This could result in less term time absence for Wiltshire schools- surely a great thing?	1
Lucy Clark	My son attends the Mead Community Primary School and I would favour Option 1	1
Mrs A L Smith	My view is to go for Option 1 NOT Option 2. Surely, Option 2 means a longer Summer Holiday break which in my opinion is already too long. Results show that children dip in performance in the new Autumn Term following the long Summer break. It is surely more appropriate to have terms that are of similar length eg. 5-6 week terms and not some being as little as 4 weeks and others 7-8 weeks. When the terms are long eg. 7-8 weeks the children are extremely tired and less likely to learn and at risk of illness from being run down when there is a long term with no break.	1
Mrs Naomi Walker	I consider that Option 1; the proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Thursday 25th July, would be the best option for all concerned. As an employee of a Wiltshire school, I enjoy my work very much, but it is intense and tiring. I believe most school staff and the students are accustomed to working / studying for a six week term and then having a week's break. Option 1 is closest to this typical model. In contrast, option 2 would mean eight weeks work before any rest from August - October; which would be very hard for staff and students who need rest and the time to re-charge mentally and physically. Furthermore, in the autumn / winter term, children at school tend to have more illnesses and viruses which only multiply around schools if there is no break for recuperation. I trust my views will be taken into consideration.	1
Mrs S Lee	I would prefer option 1	1
Rachel Downton	I would prefer option 1 which means the summer term ending on July 25th and a longer October break. My reasons for this is that the summer break is very long already, and by making the October break being slightly longer gives the children more time to recover, especially the smaller ones.	1
Rachel Le Flem	I have 3 children of school age and would prefer Option 1 with the 7 day break in October.	1
Sarah Edwards	I would favour option 1 and have a longer autumn term break as children always seem more tired in the autumn/winter months.	1
Stephen and Alice Bull	We are parents of children in Year 4 and Year 7. We would prefer the option which gives additional days in the October break, because the autumn term is always a long term and we value the ability to have an extra break in the middle of it.	1
Tracey Price	I believe option 1 to be the better of the options. This is mainly because of the length of Term 1.	1

## Option 2 - 5 Day October break

**Schools**

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Chapmanslade CE VA Primary School	Please note that Chapmanslade School prefers Option 2 where schools break up for the summer on Tuesday 23rd July 2019. My reasons are as follows 1. staff and pupils need a long break over the summer and even option 2 allows for fewer than six weeks break. The summer is the only true rest that teachers get. 2. teaching and learning is highly unlikely to be productive at the end of July during the hottest days when everyone is tired – the quality of teaching and learning is far more effective earlier in the academic year so a shorter half term of one week in October makes sense 3. those schools who want the 7 day break in October can use TD days to achieve it for their pupils 4. levels of unauthorised absence are likely to be high if the summer starts as late as the 26th July	2
Collingbourne C of E Primary	The headteacher, staff and governors at Collingbourne C of E Primary School favour Option 2 of the School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19 proposed dates.	2
Greentrees Primary	Following consultation with stakeholders we would prefer Option 2 for the 2018-19 academic year.	2
Ivy Lane Primary School	3 out of 5 governors stated a preference for Option 2	2
Ludwell Primary School	Staff at school would rather Option 2	2
The New Forest C of E (VA) Primary School	The governors collectively agreed a preference for Option 2.	2

**Academies**

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Holy Trinity Church of England Primary Academy	We are a standalone academy, and have always followed the Wiltshire timetable for holidays scrupulously. But for the year in question, I think we will go with Option 2, regardless of what Wiltshire does, because the thought of an 8 week summer term is just too daunting! The children will be on their knees by the end and no good learning done. There are always the TD days to add to the October half term so that parents can have a longer break at that time if that seems necessary.	2
Salisbury Plain Academies MAT - Avon Valley College, Durrington All Saints Infant School, Bulford St. Leonard's Primary School, St. Michaels Figheldean, Primary School	On behalf of Salisbury Plain Academies I confirm that, after consultation with staff and parents, we would be content to proceed with Option 2.	2
Sheldon School	Sheldon's preference is for option 2, the slightly earlier finish in July 2019.	2
St John's Marlborough	St John's Marlborough's preferred option for the school term and holiday dates for 2018/19 is OPTION 2.	2
The John Bentley School	The John Bentley School would favour Option 2 for the school calendar 2018-19.	2
Wyndham Park Infants' School	Our preference for term dates 18/19 would be option 2.	2

**Parents/other**

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Crispin Church	Option 2	2
Emily Griffiths	As a parent governor at Harnham Infant School in Salisbury, my personal preference would be for option 2 (ie. a five day break in October).	2
Hayley O'Brien	I would definitely prefer option 2 for 2018/19, with five day Oct half term and finish 23rd July.	2
Katherine and John Labarte	Thank you for giving us the opportunity to add our thoughts to this consultation. We opt for Option 2, which is more time in July.	2
Lynda Green	Please can we ask that option 2 (5 day break at October half term and breaking up 23 July) is looked at as the preferred option as it matches those of neighbouring councils and choosing option 1 will cause childcare problems for me as well as others I know	2
Mr & Mrs Caldwell	We prefer option 2.	2
Sarah and Tom Brewer	As parents of children at Castle Mead Primary, Trowbridge we would like to inform you that our preferred option is option 2	2

TOTAL 19

## Miscellaneous comments

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Winterslow Primary School	At our last governing body meeting the governors decided that they would like to deviate from the Wiltshire dates and have a longer autumn half term holiday. I understand that as a CE Aided school the term dates are within the school's control and do not have to conform to the Wiltshire dates.	

## APPENDIX 3

## Comparison of term dates with neighbouring authorities - 2018/19

Authority	Consulting /Proposed/ Agreed	term 1	term 2	term 3	term 4	term 5	term 6	Total
Wiltshire	P (opt 1)	03/09/18 - 24/10/18 38 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 25/07/19 39 days	195 days
BANES	P	03/09/18 - 26/10/18 40 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Bristol City Council	P	03/09/18 - 26/10/18 40 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Devon	P	03/09/18 - 19/10/18 35 days	29/10/18 - 21/12/18 40 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Dorset	P	03/09/18 - 19/10/18 35 days	29/10/18 - 21/12/18 40 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Gloucestershire	P	03/09/18 - 19/10/18 35 days	29/10/18 - 21/12/18 40 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Hampshire	A	03/09/18 - 19/10/18 35 days	29/10/18 - 21/12/18 40 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
North Somerset	P	03/09/18 - 26/10/18 40 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Somerset - Option 1	C	03/09/18 - 26/10/18 40 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Somerset - Option 2	C	03/09/18 - 23/10/18 37 days	05/11/18 - 19/12/18 33 days	03/01/19 - 15/2/19 32 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 26/07/19 40 days	195 days
South Gloucestershire	P	03/09/18 - 26/10/18 40 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 23/07/19 37 days	195 days
Swindon	A	03/09/18 - 24/10/18 38 days	05/11/18 - 21/12/18 35 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	23/04/19 - 24/05/19 23 days	03/06/19 - 25/07/19 39 days	195 days
West Berks	P	05/09/18 - 19/10/18 33 days	30/10/18 - 20/12/18 38 days	07/01/19 - 15/02/19 30 days	25/02/19 - 05/04/19 30 days	24/04/19 - 23/05/19 21 days	03/06/19 - 24/07/19 38 days	190 days