
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020/21

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 2020/21.

School Term & Holidays 2020/21 - Options

2. The Wiltshire 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 19th October to the 27th October and establishes a two-week break at the beginning of April which incorporates the Easter bank holidays. The last day of term would be Friday 23rd 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 26th October to the 30th October, with the last day of term falling on Wednesday 21st July (see Appendix 3).

Appendix 4 shows a proposed calendar which adopts the preferred timing of the October break as our neighbouring authorities, but preserves the favoured seven day October break. Running this from the 22nd October to the 30th October results in terms one and two being 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 2020/21.

Terence Herbert
DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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 2020/21

Wiltshire Protocol



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Good Friday	2nd April 2021	Term 4	29
Easter Monday	5th April 2021	Term 5	29
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Appendix 3

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Consultation – Response date 08 February 2019**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020/21 - Consultation**

We would like to receive your views on the term dates calendar being proposed for Wiltshire's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2020/21. The deadline for responses is Friday 08 February 2019.

It was agreed by the Schools Joint Consultative Committee at their meeting on the 15th November 2018 to consult on 2 options.

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 ending on Wednesday 21st 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 Friday 23rd July.

You can let us know your views by using any of the following methods:

By email to: directorDCE@wiltshire.gov.uk

By letter to: School Term Dates 2020/21 Consultation, Children's Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Please circulate this as widely as possible by 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 Wiltshire Council website here: [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, Education and Skills. All comments received will be taken into consideration during the final decision-making process.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**AGENDA ITEM NO.****JCC****14 March 2019**

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020/21**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this item is:
 - i) to report the findings of the consultation regarding proposed school term and holiday dates for 2020/21.
 - 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 2020/21.

School Term & Holiday Dates – 2020/21

2. In line with the recommendation of the JCC at its meeting in November 2018 a variety of interested parties including schools, neighbouring authorities, diocese plus others have been consulted on proposed term dates for 2020/21 (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 2020/21. 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 2020/21 and decide whether to confirm its support for the dates detailed in Option 2 of Appendix 1.

Terence Herbert
Corporate Director, Children and Education

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Option 1 - 5 Day October break

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Alderbury & West Grimstead C of E (VA) Primary School	Option 1 please. As a school on the Wilts / Hants border (and with staff living in Dorset, with children who go to school in Dorset) it is much more suitable for us to follow the model adopted by surrounding local authorities	1
Greentrees Primary School	Option 1 please.	1
Wootton Bassett Infants School	Our preference with regards to the school term and holiday dates for 2010-21 would be option 1 please.	1
Matravers School	On behalf of Matravers School, Westbury, we would like to express a preference for Option 1 with a five day break in October. This preference reflects the views of the both the school and the governors, and acknowledges the fact that students in Years 11 and 13 will benefit greatly from the additional two days in school prior to taking their exams. This was agreed at a meeting of the Full Governing Board on 5th February 2019.	1

Academies

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
South Wilts Grammar School	South Wilts Grammar School would like to express their preference for Option 1 of the proposed term and holiday dates for 2020/21.	1
Sheldon School	On behalf of Mr Spurdell, Headteacher at Sheldon School, this is to confirm that our preferred option for the School Term and Holiday Dates 2020/21 is option 1.	1

TOTAL school responses

6

Parents/other

	COMMENT	OPTION
	My son's school has forwarded the information of this Consultation and we would like to vote for Option 1, meaning that the school year would end on 21 July.	1
	I would prefer Option 1	1
	I would prefer Option 1 for term dates.	1
	I would like to support proposal 1 for the academic year 2020/21.	1
	I would prefer option 1 with 5 days in October. 2 boys in school in Dinton.	1
	I would like to express my opinion for option 1.	1
	Option 1 preferred for 2020-2021 term dates. Thank you for asking :)	1
	I believe option one to be the better option.	1
	Option 1 is preferred.	1
	Hello I would like to vote for option 1.	1
	We would prefer option 1.	1
	Please can I vote for Option 1 regarding the term dates for the academic year 2020/21.	1
	I would like to submit my opinion on proposed term dates for 2020/21 as option 1; 5 day break in October with term ending Weds 21/7/21.	1
	I support option 1	1
	Option 1	1
	I am a parent at Amesbury Archer Primary school and I am voting for option 1 in the proposed dates.	1
	I received information from our school about proposed term dates for the school terms 20/21. My vote would be for the 5 day break in October and school finishing on weds 21st July.	1
	Option 1 please.	1
	I would prefer Option 1 with term 6 ending on 21st July.	1
	My wife and I have 7 grandchildren who attend various Schools in Wiltshire, Hampshire, Gloucestershire and Berkshire! We would therefore prefer you to choose Option 1, so that Wiltshire's Term Dates for 2020-21 are more likely to be the same as those for Hampshire and Gloucestershire.	1

TOTAL parent responses

20

Option 2 - 7 Day October break

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Winterslow CofE (aided) Primary School	Winterslow Primary school would like to propose Option 2 for term dates 2020-21.	2
St Sampson's CE Primary School	My preference would be Option 2.	2
Clarendon Infant School	Having spoken to my staff at school we would like to express a preference for the option with the 7 day break in October.	2
Larkrise School	Preferred choice = option 2	2
Abbeyfield School	Abbeyfield school would like to go with Option 2.	2
Neston Primary School	We have received our responses for the consultation on term dates - OPTION 1 – 19 yes, OPTION 2 – 20 yes	2
St. George's Catholic Primary School	St. George's preference would be for Option 2.	2
St Nicholas C of E VC Primary School	We would prefer Option 2 (longer October half term).	2
St John's Catholic Primary School	After a consultation with our staff at St. John's it was agreed that the majority wanted to go with Option 2 for Holidays 2020/21.	2
Studley Green Primary School	Following discussion, the preference at Studley Green Primary School is for Option 2.	2
Cherhill CofE Primary	We prefer Option 2	2
Clarendon Junior School	At a meeting of the FGB on January 17th 2019, the Governors preferred option is 2, the 7 day October break.	2
Frogwell Primary School	Following consultation at Frogwell Primary School, Option 2 has been voted for in academic year 2020/21.	2
Churchfields, the Village School	I am writing to relay my school's coordinated response to the proposed term/holiday dates for 2020/21. Churchfields school community has voted for option 2.	2

Academies

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	We would prefer option 2 with the 7 day break in October.	2
St John's Marlborough	St John's have considered both options recently circulated and the academy's preference out of the two options is Option 2.	2
The John Bentley School	I am writing on behalf of Jason Tudor, Principal at The John Bentley School in Calne to say that we would favour Option 2 for the term dates calendar 2020-21.	2
Devizes School	With reference to the consultation request for feedback on the proposed term and holiday dates 2020/21, Devizes School is in favour of Option 2.	2
The Mead Community Primary School	Of the staff that took part in the consultation we had 25 who preferred Option 2 (October half term 22/10-30/10) and last day of summer term being 23/7 and only 1 preferring Option 1.	2
The Wellington Academy	The Wellington Academy Senior Leadership Team have agreed they prefer option 2 with a 7 day October break and term 6 ending Friday 23rd July.	2
St Laurence School	I have been asked to advise you that St Laurence School would prefer Option 2 for 2020/21 School Term & Holiday Dates.	2
Malmesbury School	This is to advise that Malmesbury School have consulted and favour Option 2 for the school term 2020/21.	2
Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy	We would choose option 2.	2

TOTAL school responses **23**

Parents/other

	COMMENT	OPTION
	Our son started in reception at Fitzmaurice Primary School this year and the longer October half term was particularly welcome as it seemed a proper and much needed break after his first term at school. I think keeping this longer break in place will benefit all, not just the youngest, as it comes at the end of the longest term of the year. As working parents the slightly shorter summer break also helps with childcare arrangements for what is the most difficult holiday of the school year to manage.	2
	I very strongly support Option 2 in your 2020/21 term timeconsultation. The 7-day rather than 5-day October break is now well established, and families and schools are familiar with it. My wife and I both work full time, and we now take our one family holiday of the year in the end-October slot as standard, to take advantage of off-peak pricing. I know we are not alone in doing this. The 7-day rather than 5-day break allows families the option of taking a slightly longer holiday at this time (if wider circumstances allow) than would be possible otherwise, particularly if schools schedule one or more TD days adjacent to it. As a family, we have really benefited from this extended October break and it would be a shame if this were lost.	2
	Option 2 please	2
	Our preference is Option 2 of the attached please, so the option with a longer October date.	2

	In regard to the proposed term dates for the 2020/2021 school year I strongly believe that the summer holidays are already too long for the children. Myself and Husband both work Full time and it makes the summer holidays difficult enough to arrange childcare. The October break is always more affordable for 10 day breaks abroad, and should you reduce the October school holidays myself and others would struggle to financially take children abroad. The Summer holidays are already out of the question for most families due to the inflated prices. If the October break is shortened I think you will see a drop in attendance around the October break as this is when it is more cost effective to take the children abroad.	2
	Further to an email sent to parents regarding the options for 2020/21 Term Dates for St. Peter's School Chippenham, our preferred dates as a family would be to have an extended October break (displayed as Option 2). Adding a couple of extra days to the October half term is more restful/beneficial than adding them to the longer summer break, plus children are more likely to be unwell during the winter months - with an increased chance of them possibly being off school then anyhow.	2
	We would prefer the option 2 term dates.	2
	Please can I vote for Option 2.	2
	We prefer Option 2 : Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July.	2
	As a class teacher/governor I am in favour of option 2 because I like having an extended holiday over the Autumn half-term break. This option provides a great break between two long terms and an opportunity for teachers to reflect on the first term with their new class and prepare term 2.	2
	I favour Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July. This is far better for the children because the summer break is quite long enough and they enjoy a slightly longer break during October half term. It is better to spread the holiday out I believe.	2
	I would like to make my choice of option 2, 7 days in October and finish school on 23rd July.	2
	Option 2 : Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July.	2
	My preference is Option 2: a seven-day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July. The reason for my preference is because summer holidays in July and August are SO expensive. The extra couple of days in October means that we've gone away in October half term in recent years, we still get 10 days, but we don't have to win the lottery to be able to afford to go. A couple of days in July makes no difference to the cost of holidays. The secondary reason is that the children get a good 5/6 weeks off in the summer and by October and then into December they're exhausted again and the extra couple of days have been much appreciated.	2
	I'm writing to let you know that my preferred dates would be with Option 2. Seven days in October half term with term 6 finishing on 23rd July.	2
	I'm in support of leaving the holidays as they are, the early finish in October allows us as a family to go abroad as it's cheaper than the summer as we can fly on a Thursday or Friday. The summer holidays are also long enough, I personally work in a local school and still think the July and August holiday is too long, please don't alter October half term, our cheaper holiday is important to us!	2
	I vote for option 2.	2
	Option 2	2
	I would opt for seven day October holiday and finish Friday 23rd July.	2
	We prefer option two giving 7 days for October half term.	2
	I would like to vote for the second calendar option for 2010/21 school year for my children at Castle Mead school, Trowbridge. This enables a better family holiday/break at October and still enables a long summer with a little less child care required.	2
	I would prefer option2 with the slightly longer break in October	2
	As parents of children at two Wiltshire schools, we would prefer Option 2 - we like having the longer break in the autumn term because it is a long stretch at school between summer and Christmas.	2
	Following on from the communication from Landford Primary School and the options for term dates for 2020/2021, my personal preference would be for Option 2 which is a 7 day break at October and to finish the summer term on Fri 23rd July. As a parent who works full time, covering summer holidays is exceptionally difficult as all parents want time off and the maximum most parents can take over the 6 weeks is 2 weeks. It is easier to take 2 extra days at October and by extending this holiday period it also gives greater flexibility for taking a week away.	2
	My preference is Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July	2
	I am a parent in Salisbury. My view is that the two days should be taken with the October half term. The winter term is already really long and the kids are clearly very burned out by Christmas - an extra couple of days to rest during October I think would be beneficial. It would even be preferable to have them just before Christmas to shorten this term. Having them attached to the summer holiday just makes the summer even longer when the kids don't really need more time off and our school will no doubt put their training days for the rest of that week to then make it even longer.	2

	In relation to the proposed October half term dates for 20/21, I would like to state my preference as being Option 2: A seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July.	2
	I would like to vote for Option 2. My children are at St Sampsons School in Cricklade.	2
	We feel Option 2 is much better although the summer holidays are in our opinion still too long and should be no more than a month.	2
	Whilst there is overall not much in the two proposals, I wanted to say that aligning term dates with neighbouring regions is not a helpful practice. Not only are parents being held more and more to ransom by holiday companies for school holidays, made worse by aligned holidays, but as a worker in the NHS, I am increasingly unable to take leave when colleagues are during holidays and we have to share them out increasing the child-care burden. I prefer option 2, with some time in October during a different week when I may be able to at least have a few days with my children in half term.	2
	In regard to the proposed term dates for the 2020/2021 school year I strongly believe that the summer holidays are already too long for the children, and it makes it very hard for working parents to arrange childcare for such a prolonged period of time as it is. The October break is always more affordable for 10 day breaks abroad, and should you reduce the October school holidays myself and others would struggle to financially take children abroad. The Summer holidays are already out of the question for most families due to the inflated prices.	2
	I would prefer option 2. Summer holidays are too long and extra time in Oct gives you a better chance to get away	2
	I understand you are consulting parents about October half term dates for academic year 2020/2021. Our family's preference is to continue with option 2 - the current arrangement of a 7 day half term in October with a later finish date in July.	2
	May I propose Option 2 to your consultation for 2020/2021 school holidays. The summer holidays are very long to accommodate childcare, so to lengthen would be difficult to juggle with childcare. The winter term is very long and a decent break in October enables time to be taken away from school and recharge the batteries!	2
	I would like to go with Option 2. For me personally, my workload would be more suited to the 7 day option in October.	2
	Please can I submit my vote for Option 2 (Seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July).	2
	Please may I select Option 2.	2
	Our preference would be Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July. We feel this option would give better flexibility for families to travel in the October half term. The Summer holidays are long enough, there would be little benefit adding two days onto this.	2
	I am a classroom teacher and I would prefer a longer holiday in October (option 2). The first autumn term is a very long one especially for teachers and children in Reception. Therefore, having those extra days makes the holiday feel a bit longer and gives staff time to relax and prepare for the following term. I also feel that having the two extra days off in the summer wouldn't make much of a difference especially when we have five weeks off anyway.	2
	I prefer option 2 with a 7 day October break and a delayed start to the summer break. I previously lived in Hampshire where the October break is only 5 days and I much prefer the current arrangements in Wiltshire. This is because I feel it works better for my children. In particular the year they first start school. After the long break in the summer the first term back at school is particularly exhausting and the slightly longer break gives them more time to recover. On the other side the summer break is so long that gaining 2 more days there does not benefit them at all.	2
	I would like to express my preference for holiday dates 2020-2021. I would prefer: 7 days in Oct finish 23rd July	2
	It's very difficult I know to juggle term dates around public holidays. On balance, from a staff and student wellbeing point of view I would favour Option 2 as it means there are less full 8 week terms, which in my experience of working in a special school, leaves both students and staff exhausted. I know that by the end of the summer term this would be the case, but there is more scope for an outdoor based curriculum than there would be in October.	2

TOTAL parent responses **41**

Miscellaneous comments

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Stanton St Quintin Primary School	Having consulted our school community we have a relatively equal split for the two proposed term time and holiday dates for 2020/21	n/a