

### SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2012/2013

#### Purpose

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 2012/13.

#### School Term & Holidays 2012/13 - Options

The Local Government Association has very recently produced its recommended dates for 2012/13 (see Appendix 1). This proposes a start date of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and a February break commencing on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The ATL protocol and resultant term dates are detailed in Appendix 2. Upholding the protocol stringently sees a seven day October break which runs from the 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October.

The dates shown in Appendix 3 apply a five day October break, and reflect the preferred option of several neighbouring authorities (North Somerset, B&NES, Bristol, and South Gloucestershire)

Appendix 4 shows a proposed calendar which maintains the favoured seven day October break, but that also mirrors where possible the holiday patterns of our neighbouring authorities.

Appendix 5 shows a proposed calendar also with a seven day October break, but which upholds the Standard School Year principle of ensuring that the fifth session runs from the third Monday in April, irrespective of the timing of Easter.

After some debate South West Officers have not universally agreed to consult on one specific option, as several began their consultation process before the LGA calendar was produced.

## **Recommendation**

3. To dismiss the LGA recommendation in option 1 for failing to start the school year on the first working day of September, and for proposing a February break that is at odds with our neighbouring authorities.

To dismiss option 3 on the basis of the one-day week, as this challenges the consideration to reduce the number of weeks in which there are fewer than five working days.

To return to the favoured seven day October break and assess the individual merits of options 2, 4 and 5.

In order to match our neighbouring authorities and the LGA as closely as possible, to dismiss option 2 on the basis of the timing of the October break.

To deliberate the impact of following our neighbouring authorities as closely as possible with the timing of the Easter break (option 4), compared to following the Standard School Year and ATL protocol that ensures that the fifth session runs from the third Monday in April, irrespective of the timing of the Easter weekend (option 5).

## **Proposal**

This paper is requesting the County Secretaries:

- 4.1 To confirm the proposed option(s) for consultation for school term & holiday dates 2012/13.

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Appendix 1

LGA Recommended Calendar 2012-13

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

October				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

November				
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	

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

January				
1	7	14	21	28
2	8	15	22	29
3	9	16	23	30
4	10	17	24	31
5	11	18	25	
6	12	19	26	
7	13	20	27	

February				
	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	
2	9	16	23	
3	10	17	24	

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

April				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

May				
6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	

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

July				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

August/September				
	5	12	19	26 2
	6	13	20	27 3
	7	14	21	28 4
1	8	15	22	29 5
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	1

**Bank and Public Holidays 2012/2013**

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2012	Term 1	39
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Good Friday	29th March 2013	Term 4	24
Easter Monday	1st April 2013	Term 5	29
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## **Wiltshire Council**

### **School terms and holidays 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 2.2

**ATL Protocol Calendar 2012-13**

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

<b>October</b>				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

<b>November</b>			
5	12	19	26
6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25

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

<b>January</b>				
7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

<b>February</b>			
4	11	18	25
5	12	19	26
6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24

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

<b>April</b>				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

<b>May</b>			
6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25
5	12	19	26

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

<b>July</b>				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

<b>August/September</b>				
5	12	19	26	2
6	13	20	27	3
7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	1

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## Neighbouring Authorities Proposed Calendar 2012/13

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

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

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

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

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Appendix 4

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	August/September				
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
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	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	

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	12	19	26	
	13	20	27	

February				
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3	10	17	24	

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Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

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May				
	6	13	20	27
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5	12	19	26	

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

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

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