

06 December 2010

Headteachers & Clerks to Governors of  
all Wiltshire maintained Schools

LA Circ: A330/10

**Consultation – Response date 11 February 2011**

Dear Colleague

**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2012/13 - Consultation**

I am writing to seek your views on proposed school term and holiday dates in Wiltshire for 2012/13, which are attached for your comments.

In recent years Wiltshire Council has adopted the broader principles of the standard school year, with agreed dates being broadly based on the model being promoted by the Local Government Association (LGA). 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.

After some debate it was agreed by Wiltshire's County Secretaries at their meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November to consult on two options:

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 finishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This is the option favoured by several of our neighbouring authorities.

Option 2: Applies the main principles of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) protocol to maintain the preferred seven day October break. This option matches the LGA recommendation for term 6 including a shorter Summer break.

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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)) where it can be located as a related page link on the schools and colleges page: [School term and holiday dates 2012/13 - Consultation | Wiltshire Council](#)

The results of this consultation will be collated and presented to the Teachers 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 as many schools as possible to complete the attached Response Pro Forma and forward your comments by whatever means is convenient for you; by posting any comments/observations to the address below, by e-mail to [Nicola.McCann@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Nicola.McCann@wiltshire.gov.uk), or by fax to 01225 713982. The deadline for responses is Friday 11 February 2011. I look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

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<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
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<b>Bank and Public Holidays 2012/2013</b>			
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Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2012	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2013	Term 3	25
Good Friday	29th March 2013	Term 4	25
Easter Monday	1st April 2013	Term 5	34
May Day Holiday	6th May 2013	Term 6	36
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