

Option 1 - 7 Day October break

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Clarendon Infants	The Autumn term is long and I feel staff and children benefit from a longer break.	1
Broad Hinton Primary	Good to have week before Christmas	1
Lyneham Primary	This option will bring us inline with the secondary school in Wootten Bassett and breaks up an incredibly long term. The children and staff have had enough long before the end of that term and this option gives schools the option of extending the October break.	1
Urchfont Primary	There 7 day break at the October half term is popular with both staff and parents.	1
Ludgershall, The Castle Primary School	We feel that the summer holiday is long enough and that the extra 2 days in the long winter term are beneficial to the staff and children.	1
Abbeyfield School		1
Hilmartin Primary	Option 1	1
Unknown	Would rather a longer October half term	1
The Grove Primary School	The first two terms are always the most challenging for everyone, where the children are settling in to their new year group, etc. Having a seven day break in October allows everyone to recharge before the Christmas term. I feel the children have enough time away from school in the summer holiday.	1
St John's RC Primary School	None	1
Churchfields, The Village School	none	1
Unknown	As a teacher, I know how tough that first term can be for both staff and students. Hence, I feel very strongly that by having 7 days at October opposed to 5 days this really supports the wellbeing of staff and students alike.	1
Devizes School	Prefer shorter Term 1/term 2 as better spread of weeks. Prefer longer Term 6 to fit in summer activities.	1
Heddington School	Useful to tag TD days on to October for purposeful CPD	1
Malmesbury School	70% of our staff preferred option 1	1
Unknown	Option 1 is better. Too many odd weeks of one day and too early a return in January in option 2.	1
Unknown	It is easier to book holidays abroad with a longer October holiday	1

TOTAL school responses 17

Parents/ other

Parent	In future I would like to see a third option with the Christmas dates of option 1 but the Oct half-term and summer dates of option 2	1
Parent	I think the first term is so long it's best to give the kids a good break in the first term.	1
Parent	Although I prefer the seven day October half term, I also prefer it if the xmas holidays was earlier by breaking up the Friday 15 December and returning the 2nd January or following the same calendar as 2017/18.	1
Parent	The 7 day break is much preferred as this is such a long term.	1
Parent	I have no strong feeling about either option as long as it coincides with the local Secondary Schools in this case Shaftesbury and Gillingham.	1
Parent	I fail to see why teachers are permitted to have INSET days during term time when they have 13 weeks holiday per year already - no other profession has this amount of time off! Perhaps they could consider doing some of their training during school holidays?	1
Parent	Allows for slightly cheaper holidays as other areas have 5 day half term breaks which is great.	1
Parent	No Comment	1
Other	GB considered and elected for 7 day October break.	1
Parent	I know that you aren't consulting on this point but from a parent's point of view I strongly disagree with the idea of the 195 days with 5 left to schools to decide as teaching days. As a working parent it is incredibly disruptive not to mention expensive. If the calendar was fixed county-wide at 190 days that is a whole extra week that childcare providers could routinely provide for. It shouldn't make much difference to teachers who could also take advantage of holiday clubs etc for their kids. They would still be contracted for 195 days.	1
Parent	Better Christmas leave	1
Parent	From a parents perspective my children have always found the first term back after the long summer holiday a tough one. The longer half term break is needed to help them recharge ready for the next demanding term. Spreading the holidays out can help families spend more time with their children. Some industries restrict holidays in the summer so families benefit if it's not lumped together. Financial pressures of child care costs are spread out more by having the 7 day half term break.	1
Parent	This is easy for the children and parents to manage and give the kids a break in October	1
Parent	No Comment	1

TOTAL Parents responses 14

Overall responses Option 1 31

Option 2 - 5 day October break

Schools

NAME	COMMENT	OPTION
Dinton Primary	No Comment	2
The Grove Primary School	I mainly chose Option 2 because of the Christmas holiday break timings.	2
Sutton Veny Primary School	N/A	2
Alderbury West Grimstead Primary School	Option 2 please - this is more in keeping with the normal pattern for the neighbouring county of Hampshire and makes child care much easier to arrange	2
Unknown	Option 2	2
St Sampsons Primary School	Less chance of unauthorised holiday absence if we break up for summer earlier	2
Westbury Infants	to align with neighbouring counties and therefore my own children's term dates.	2
Bellefiled Primary School	We are likely to be able to place INSET days at the end of term 6 therefore ensuring good attendance up to the end of the academic year.	2
Unknown	More learning time pre SATS	2
Unknown	No Comment	2
Unknown	Having longer summer holiday preferable	2

TOTAL school responses 11

Parents/ other

Parent	Option 2 has a shorter term 6, which is less tiring for pupils and staff.	2
Parent	Don't need such a long October half term so soon after the summer holidays.	2
Parent	More families may be able to use the extra days to get away for a summer break - the Christmas break is also preferred due to work commitments and a nice 'build up' to Christmas.	2
Parent	Trying to deal with 'partial' weeks of two or three days when there are not the same degree of clubs/activities is challenging. I would suggest that option two is taken and staff development days for Mon 22nd and Tues 23rd are utilised; alternatively, but less likely possible and less desired, option one is taken and three staff development days are taken for Mon 16th - Wed 18th. I realise this is down to the individual school to plan their development days, but eliminating as many partial weeks would be preferable	2

TOTAL Parents responses 4

Overall responses Option 2 15

