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Headteachers & Clerks to Governors of  
all Wiltshire maintained Schools

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## **Consultation – Response date 10 February 2012**

Dear Colleague

### **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2013/14 - Consultation**

I am writing to seek your views on proposed school term and holiday dates in Wiltshire for 2013/14, 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 Teachers Joint Consultative Committee at their meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November to consult on two options:

**Option 1:** Applies the main principles of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) protocol to maintain the preferred seven day October break. This option produces a summer holiday of five weeks and one day.

**Option 2:** Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 ending on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This is the option favoured by several of our neighbouring authorities.

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: [Terms and holidays | 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 10 February 2012**. I look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

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School Term and Holiday Dates 2013/14

Option 1

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

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

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

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

Term	Day	From	Day		No. Days
1	Mon	2nd September, 2013	Fri	25th October, 2013	40
2	Wed	6th November, 2013	Fri	20th December, 2013	33
3	Mon	6th January, 2014	Fri	14th February, 2014	30
4	Mon	24th February, 2014	Fri	4th April, 2014	30
5	Tues	22nd April, 2014	Fri	23rd May, 2014	23
6	Mon	2nd June, 2014	Thurs	24th July, 2014	39
Total					195

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Option 2

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

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

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2	Mon	4th November, 2013	Fri	20th December, 2013	35
3	Mon	6th January, 2014	Fri	14th February, 2014	30
4	Mon	24th February, 2014	Fri	4th April, 2014	30
5	Tues	22nd April, 2014	Fri	23rd May, 2014	23
6	Mon	2nd June, 2014	Tues	22nd July, 2014	37
Total					195

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## Consultation Response Pro Forma

SCHOOL: ..... DfE NO: .....

Please indicate the single preferred option for your school below:

Option 1

Option 2

**Comments:**

Thank you for your assistance.

Signed: .....

Date.....

Designation: .....

**Please return before 10 February 2012 to:-**

School Term Dates 2013/14 Consultation, Department for Children & Education, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JB.

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