

Joint Consultative Committee
24 November 2011

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2013/14

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 2013/14.

School Term & Holidays 2013/14 - Options

2. The Local Government Association has produced its recommended dates for 2013/14 (see Appendix 1). This proposes a start date of Thursday 5th September, with a reduced eight day Christmas break running from Monday 23rd December to Wednesday 1st January.

The ATL protocol (see Appendix 2) produces the term dates detailed in Appendix 3. Upholding the protocol stringently sees the school year commence on the first working day of September and includes a seven day October break which runs from the 28th October to the 5th November. The last day of term would be Thursday 24th July and would reduce the summer holidays to five weeks and one day.

The dates shown in Appendix 4 apply a five day October break, and reflect the preferred option of several neighbouring authorities (North Somerset, B&NES, Bristol, and South Gloucestershire).

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:
 - 4.1 To confirm the proposed option(s) for consultation for school term & holiday dates 2013/14.

Carolyn Godfrey
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