## Wiltshire Council

APPENDIX 1

## School terms and holidays

## A 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

10 December 2009

Headteachers \& Clerks to Governors of all Wiltshire maintained Schools

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LA Circ: A344/09

## Consultation - Response date 12 February 2010

Dear Colleague

## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2011/12 - Consultation

I am writing to seek your views on proposed school term and holiday dates in Wiltshire for 2011/12, all of 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 staff development days within term time dates.

The Local Government Association has yet to produce its recommended dates for 2011/12, and after some debate South West Officers from neighbouring authorities have not universally agreed to consult on one specific option. As a result it was agreed by Wiltshire's Teachers Joint Consultative Committee at their meeting on 26 November to return to the favoured seven day October break and consult on three options:

Option 1: Applies the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) protocol and shows a proposed calendar with Term 2 finishing on the $19^{\text {th }}$ December and Term 6 on the $23^{\text {rd }}$ July. This produces a calendar with two instances of one-day weeks.

Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar which equally splits the lengths of Terms 1 and 2, with Term 2 finishing on the $16^{\text {th }}$ December. This extends Term 6 to 37 days finishing on the $24^{\text {th }}$ July.

Option 3: Shows a proposed calendar which reduces the Christmas break to 9 days with Term 2 finishing on the $20^{\text {th }}$ December. This creates a move away from a two week/three weekend Christmas break in favour of a full six week 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 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 ) where it can be located as a related page link off the Schools and colleges page School Term And Holiday Dates 2011/12 - 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, or by fax to 01225713982 . The deadline for responses is Friday 12 February 2010. I look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely

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## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2011/12

## Purpose

1. The purpose of this item is:
i) to report the findings of the consultation regarding proposed school term and holiday dates for 2011/12.
ii) to confirm JCC's support for the recommended school term \& holiday dates for Wiltshire's Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools for the school year 2011/12.

## School Term \& Holiday Dates - 2011/12

2. In line with the recommendation of JCC at its meeting in November 2009, three options were put forward for consultation. Following the recommendation of the County Secretaries at its meeting in February 2010, it was agreed to revise the consultation in line with neighbouring authorities in response to the government announcement granting an additional bank holiday in 2012 and moving the May Day bank holiday (Appendix 1).
3. A variety of interested parties including schools, neighbouring authorities, diocese, and interested parties have been consulted on proposed term dates for 2011/12, with the consultation period being extended by a further two weeks to allow for representations on the revised calendar options (Appendix 2).
4. Appendix 3 details comments received as a result of this consultation.
5. A number of our neighbouring authorities have now either completed or are in the process of consulting on their own school term dates for 2011/12. The majority of our neighbours to the south west have consulted on dates similar, if not identical, to Wiltshire's proposal.

## Proposal

6. JCC is invited to consider the responses to the consultation on the proposed school term \& holiday dates for 2011/12 and decide whether to confirm its support for the dates detailed in Option 2.

Carolyn Godfrey
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN \& EDUCATION

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2011/2012

## Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to:
1.1 discuss the impact of the additional bank holiday in 2012 on the 2011/12 school term and holiday dates consultation.

## School Term \& Holidays 2011/12 - Impact

2. To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the government announced that there will be an additional bank holiday on Tuesday 5 June 2012. To coincide with this it is planned that the May Day bank holiday will be moved from 28 May to 4 June 2012. This will impact on the school term and holiday dates currently out to consultation.

## Considerations

3. Factors to take into consideration:
3.1 Initial findings from consultation
3.2 Decisions made by neighbouring authorities
3.3 Impact on exam timetable
3.4 The number of days curriculum provision required (189 or 190 days)
3.5 Extra TD day for Primary Schools re curriculum planning

## Proposal

4. This paper is requesting County Secretaries:
4.1 to recommend next steps for the consultation on school term and holiday dates for Wiltshire's Community \& Voluntary Controlled Schools and Community Special Schools for the school year 2011/12

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DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN \& EDUCATION

APPENDIX 2
SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2011-2012 OPTION 1 - ATL PROTOCOL - REVISED

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| Summer Bank Holiday | 27th August 2012 | Provisional start date for 2012/13 is 3 September |  |

## OPTION 2 - REVISED

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2011-2012
OPTION 3 - REVISED

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## APPENDIX 3

Option 1 - Schools

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |
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| Abbeyfield - Teacher | Option of working 1 day weeks as twilight | 1 |
| All Saints Primary - Head |  | 1 |
| Amesbury Christ The King - Head |  | 1 |
| Bemerton St John Acting Head |  | 1 |
| Crudwell - Admin |  | 1 |
| Bitham Brook - Teacher | As a teacher, governor and parent my preferred holiday arrangement if we are to receive an extra bank holiday in the break between term 5 and 6 is option 1 . Having just spent five days of my February half term in school I for one look forward to the maximum length of summer vacation when I really can take a break, because as a serving deputy my holidays throughout the year are not proper opportunities to recharge. If you are to take seriously the appalling pressure on school leaders you must consider how much time they are able to take off during at least one holiday of the year. Building programmes, renovations, refits, updates, maintenance and improvements which now must be completed in holidays because contractors and visitors cannot work during normal working hours place a heavy burden on senior managers who never get a real break. Workplace reform has gone some way to alleviate the huge pressures on ordinary serving teachers but senior managers do not benefit from this in real terms. Give us a break. We are your next school leaders! | 1 |
| Broad Town Primary Head | No votes for Option 2 | 1 |
| Chilmark \& Fonthill Bishop - Head | The $2 \times 1$ day weeks would be ideal to use as TD days and nobody wanted a shorter Christmas break | 1 |
| Christchurch - Head |  | 1 |
| Dauntsey's Aided Primary - Head | After consultation with all staff members, we would opt for option 1 of the three choices. | 1 |
| Easton Royal - Head | Although we like the idea of the along summer holiday, we feel that Option One gives the best Christmas holiday, which comes at a time of year when staff and children are very tired. We felt that as a school, we would choose INSET/TD days on the 'one day weeks' - one would be in lieu of twilight training, so it would maximise whole weeks off for parents and ensure the days were used productively | 1 |


| Grove - Head | Staff do not wish a shorter xmas break as this time is busy enough. Incidences of 1 day weeks may be avoided if TD days are taken. | 1 |
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| Holy Trinity School Head | We canvassed all staff and all governors - The overwhelming majority prefer option 1 | 1 |
| Ivy Lane Primary - Bus. Man. | Canvassed 22 members of staff - NONE in favour of Option 2 | 1 |
| Lydiard Millicent - Head |  | 1 |
| Matravers - Teacher | Assuming TD days can be allocated to take care of the 1 day weeks, Option 1 appears to be the best option. | 1 |
| Pewsey Vale - Bursar | The teaching and support staff have voted very heavily in favour of Option 1, as per the ATL Protocol. | 1 |
| Pitton Primary - Head |  | 1 |
| Ramsbury Primary Bursar |  | 1 |
| Southwick Primary Teacher | If we could use Twilight for extra days i.e. Dec 19th-July 23rd. | 1 |
| St Barnabas - Head |  | 1 |
| St Bartholomew's Governors |  | 1 |
| St John's - Acting Head |  | 1 |
| St Johns Primary - Head \& Governors | Not Option 3 due to short Christmas break \& long summer break | 1 |
| St Michael's Figheldean <br> - Head |  | 1 |
| St Patrick's Catholic Primary - Governors |  | 1 |
| Stratford Sub Castle Governors |  | 1 |
| Urchfont School - Admin |  | 1 |
| Wilton \& Barford - Head |  | 1 |
| Woodford Valley - Head |  | 1 |
| Wootton Bassett Infants <br> - Acting Head |  | 1 |
| Wylye Valley - TA |  | 1 |
| Sutton Veny - Governor | We had the following response from the Governors at Sutton very CE Primary School: Option 1 with implications for TD days | 1 |

## Option 1 Parents/Other

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H McNeill - Parent | My children like a 2 week Christmas break, We all do. I am assuming that this Option might benefit from the one day weeks being used as TD days. So on this basis this is a favourable option | 1 |
| Barbara Knight - Parent | I prefer option 1 followed by option 2. I would prefer more radical changes. Some years ago when we moved to the 6 term system we were told the ultimate aim was to shorten the summer holidays to 5 weeks maximum and have longer half term breaks. The idea would be to have $4-5$ weeks in the summer, with longer time off at half term, including at least one half term holiday of 2 weeks. Many families would then be able to and might choose to their main holiday at half term. | 1 |
| Ian Stone - Parent | I would prefer to take up option 1 with a recommendation from the council to use the two 1 day weeks as the preferred dates for 2 of the 5 teacher training days for the period. Ending a school term on a Wednesday just does not sit right with us so option 3 would be our 2nd choice with option 2 as our less desirable due to the Oct half term | 1 |
| Margaret Lodge - Parent |  | 1 |
| Parent | As a parent who works for a school (pre-school in West Berks) on a selfish level I would prefer to have the same holidays as my children it preferable | 1 |
| Karen Smith - Parent | My preferred option is option 1 | 1 |
| Linda Holland - Parent | I propose option 1 is the most sensible solution. | 1 |
| Rory Riordan - Parent | I am disappointed that you are even considering changing than pattern of school holidays again as these frequent changes are both unsettling and unnecessary. Personally, I find the longer half terms in October to be a very valuable time \& I would be sorry to see that reduced. Nevertheless, from the options offer I see Option 1 as being the least detrimental. | 1 |
| Kate Golledge - Parent | What consultation? For what it is worth I and my partner prefer option 1 | 1 |
| Phil Whalley - Wiltshire ALT Branch Secretary | Of the three I prefer option 1. This is not because I am slavishly following the party line and preferring that based on the ATL protocols which were developed by my predecessor. But it seems to me that any sensible school can use this option to best advantage because the two single days will either be taken as TD days (or TD days which are completed as twilight sessions) Schools and their staff then get all the benefits of a longer Christmas and summer holiday and non of the nuisances of a one day week. | 1 |

## Option 2 - Schools

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Abbeyfield - TA's | TA's would prefer Option 2. | 2 |
| Abbeyfield - Admin | All Admin Officers are in favour of Option 2. | 2 |


| Abbeyfield - Teachers |  | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Abbeyfield - Deputy Bursar |  | 2 |
| Britford Primary - Head | We discussed this at our Heads' Cluster meeting and all felt that Option 2 was our preference | 2 |
| Broad Chalke Primary Head | We do not want one day weeks | 2 |
| Bulford St Leonards Head |  | 2 |
| Bulford St Leonards Teachers |  | 2 |
| Bulford St Leonards Governors |  | 2 |
| Bulford St Leonards Deputy Head |  | 2 |
| Burbage Primary - Head |  | 2 |
| Burbage Primary Admin |  | 2 |
| Chilton Foliat Primary Admin |  | 2 |
| Coombe Bissett - Head | We discussed this at our Heads' Cluster meeting and all felt that Option 2 was our preference | 2 |
| Downton Primary - Head | We discussed this at our Heads' Cluster meeting and all felt that Option 2 was our preference | 2 |
| Exeter House - Head |  | 2 |
| Forest \& Sandridge Primary - Head | Didn't like 1 day weeks and definitely not shortened Christmas! All staff in favour of Option 2. | 2 |
| Grafton - Head |  | 2 |
| Great Bedwyn - Head | Representative groups of parents plus teaching and non teaching staff are in favour of Option 2. Do not like Option 1 as parents would not have children in school for the 1 day weeks. | 2 |
| Hardenhuish - Assistant Head | The consultation document has been discussed by the Governing Body and shared by all the staff at the school, with an invitation to respond to the 3 possibilities. All staff apart from one favoured Option 2 (one favoured Option 3). As a result of this I am writing on behalf of the school community to state our preference as Option 2. | 2 |
| John Bentley - Head |  | 2 |
| Kennet Valley Primary Head |  | 2 |
| Kingdown - Head |  | 2 |
| Kings Lodge - Head | We have put this put to consultation with Governors and staff. The Over-riding consensus is for Option 2. | 2 |


| Lydiard Millicent Teacher | I would prefer Oct half term holiday to be a week, so that Christmas could still have 3 weekends and the summer six weeks. | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Malmesbury - Head | Option 2. | 2 |
| Malmesbury CE Primary <br> - Governors | After reviewing the options it seems to be Option 2 is the preferred one. Two instances of 1 day weeks seems crazy and the other option does not give enough time at Christmas | 2 |
| Manor Fields Primary Head |  | 2 |
| Matravers - Assistant Head | One day weeks do not make sense. The students and staff need a 2 week break at Christmas. I do not see why we need 6 weeks in the summer. Votes: 14 for Option 2, 7 for Option 1, 6 for Option 3 | 2 |
| Nursteed Primary Deputy Head |  | 2 |
| Nursteed Primary Teacher |  | 2 |
| Odstock Primary - Head | We discussed this at our Heads' Cluster meeting and all felt that Option 2 was our preference | 2 |
| Queen's Crescent Head |  | 2 |
| Rowdeford - Deputy Head |  | 2 |
| Rowdeford - Admin | Majority in favour of Option 2, with option 1 being least supported. (1=2, 2=24, 3=14) | 2 |
| Rushall Church of England Primary Governors and Head | The Governors and Head Teacher feel that a shorter summer holiday (and therefore a longer Christmas Holiday) is preferable from an academic point of view, so that the children don't lose too much ground during a long summer break | 2 |
| Shaw Primary - Head |  | 2 |
| Sheldon - Governor | Option 1: One-day weeks - not good. Option 3: Like the idea of 6 weeks in the summer - but don't like the idea of a shorter Christmas break. I think a longer break is needed then following such a long 'autumn' term. Christmas Day too soon after breaking up. <br> All things considered I think I would opt for Option 2 | 2 |
| Southbroom Junior Head |  | 2 |
| Southwick - Teacher |  | 2 |
| St Andrews Laverstock Deputy Head |  | 2 |
| St Mary's Marlborough Acting Head |  | 2 |
| St Joseph's Catholic School - Head | 4 Members of staff are in favour | 2 |
| St Nicholas - Head |  | 2 |
| Sarum St Paul's - Head | We've consulted with staff and would prefer to go with Option 2. | 2 |


| St Paul's Primary - <br> Acting Head |  | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St Peter's Chippenham Head |  | 2 |
| Staverton - Head |  | 2 |
| The Minster Primary Head |  | 2 |
| The New Forest Primary - Head | We discussed this at our Heads' Cluster meeting and all felt that Option 2 was our preference | 2 |
| Trafalgar - Teachers |  | 2 |
| Trafalgar - TA's |  | 2 |
| Walwayne Court - Head |  | 2 |
| Wansdyke Primary Head |  | 2 |
| Wansdyke Primary Teachers |  | 2 |
| West Ashton Primary Head | The governing body of West Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School agreed at the full governing body meeting held on Thursday $21^{\text {st }}$ January 2010 that Option 2 would be their preference for School Term and Holiday Arrangements. | 2 |
| Whiteparish All Saints Head | We discussed this at our Heads' Cluster meeting and all felt that Option 2 was our preference | 2 |
| Woodborough CE Admin |  | 2 |
| Woodlands Primary Head | Option 2 is by far the best. Option 1 would not be good-Having to go in for Monday 19th December would be ridiculous. Option 3 would also be very difficult at Christmas only 9 days | 2 |
| Wootton Bassett Deputy Head | The majority of staff preferred option 2 (59\%) with a significant minority choosing option 3 (27\%) | 2 |
| Wylye Valley - Admin |  | 2 |
| Wylye Valley - Catering Manager |  | 2 |
| Wylye Valley - Head |  | 2 |
| Zouch Primary - Head | We feel option 2 to be the best due to the uninterrupted, and much needed, Christmas 2 x week block. | 2 |
| Primary Heads Forum | PHF executive asked me to respond as following: Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar which equally splits the lengths or Terms $1 \& 2$, with term 2 finishing on the 16 th December. This extends Term 6 to 37 days finishing on the 24th July | 2 |
| Frogwell Primary - Head | It was a split decision between Option 2 \& 3. However no one wanted option 1 | 2 |

Our SLT considered this update at their meeting on 3rd March \& wish to make the comment that we have a preference for either option 2 or $3 \&$ not option 1

We had the following response from the Governors at Sutton very CE Primary School: Julian Stapleford chose Option 2 - maintaining the longer breaks at Christmas with an even splitting for terms 1 and 2

## Option 2

Parents/Others

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Sarah Ashton - Parent | Speaking purely as a parent, I would like to say that Option 3 is by far the worst proposal as it returns <br> the summer break to 6 weeks -just too long an absence from school for a number of practical reasons <br> e.g. children get very bored and out of the learning habit, childcare and leave issues for many parents <br> etc. Personally, I find Option 2 to be the most sensible, but really anything but option 3 please! |  |
| Jo Roberts - Parent | As a school governor/parent I would be in favour of option 2 as the length of terms in days are very <br> similar with only a variance of 6 instead of 8 days | 2 |
| Jan Wilson - Parent | Option 1 would be the best if the LA instructs all schools to take TD days on the two 'stray' Mondays. <br> We value the long xmas break too much to consider option 3. So on reflection Option 2 would be our <br> preferred choice. | 2 |
| Sharon Buckley - Parent | On reflection, my preference would be option 2. | 2 |
| Ruth Fearnley - Parent | I write with ref to school holidays. I don't think 9 days is long enough for the Christmas holidays <br> (option 3). Option 1 is daft with two one day weeks - especially the one just prior to the summer <br> holidays, where they break up for the summer on the Tuesday. How many students do you think will <br> turn up for school on the Monday? I choose Option 2 | 2 |
| Parent | I prefer where the October break falls in Option 2. | 2 |
| Parent | Re Option 1 - Is there any point having a one day week of the 19th December? Re Option 3 - <br> Christmas break far too short. | 2 |
| Parent | Children are always tired at the end of the year, would prefer a longer Christmas break | 2 |
| N Davies - Parent | This seems a perfect balance | 2 |
| Parent | This seems like the logical choice. A one day week is just disruptive for everyone and a full 6 weeks <br> for summer is too long. | 2 |


| Parent | There is generally a lot going on in term 2 and I would feel that the children would benefit from a <br> longer break at this time. | 2 |
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| Parent | Option 2 selected purely on the basis that we are working parents for whom December is our quietest <br> month and a 16th December finish enables us to spend time at home with our son. |  |
| A Maton - Parent | As parents of 2 children at Urchfont our preference would be option 2. |  |
| P Greenstreet - Parent | We are in favour of Option 2. | 2 |
| Alex Middleton - Parent | Having read the options I would be happier to go with option 2. The other options are breaking up too <br> close to Christmas. | 2 |
| Jacqueline Vale - Parent | Having looked at all three options it is difficult to see the differences between them. I am however in <br> favour of having a 6 week summer holiday and maintaining a full two weeks for the Christmas break. I <br> would prefer the Christmas break to start nearer Christmas day and give the children more time off <br> after New Year, as working arrangements are more likely to reflect this sort of arrangement. I would <br> prefer October half-break term to be no longer than a week, as this makes childcare for working <br> parents a little simpler. This does not seem to be an option. On balance I think that the best option <br> would be Number 2, which gives us another day at Christmas and one day short of 6 weeks in the <br> summer. | 2 |
| Lisa Sullivan - Parent | As a parent I feel that option 2 would be best. It means that if families want to go away for the October <br> Half term they can get flights or travel arrangements ahead of other schools often resulting in reduced <br> cost. It also means that the children would break up from school on the Friday before Xmas instead <br> of going in for 1 day and again might help people with travel arrangements if going away. If as we <br> seem to be experiencing year by year lucky / unlucky depending how you look at it to get winter snow <br> /ice it prevents people having to do school drop offs that last week before Christmas and also gives <br> the kids opportunity to go out to play if lucky enough for snow to arrive. As for the slightly longer <br> summer term I don't think that's a real problem as the days are so much lighter so the children have <br> both in the morning \& after school to do things outside. It also slightly shortens the summer holidays <br> which starts off great but by the end children are getting bored. | 2 |


| Julie Farrell - Parent | Having reviewed the three options available, I would go for Option 2. <br> Re: Option 1 - I do not see the point of having two 1 day weeks. They are both at the end of the term, and I don't think a lot of work would get done on those days anyway. <br> Re: Option 3 - I think the children need the full two weeks at Christmas, as they are always extremely busy prior to then with Xmas plays and carol services. I prefer that than extending the summer holidays to the full 6 weeks, which I consider to be too long. <br> For these reasons I have gone for Option 2. | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keith Perrett - Parent | As a parent and former governor, I would like to express my support for Option 2 of the three shown on the web site. I believe the two big advantages of this compared to the others are: <br> a) The length of term 2. This is always a difficult term as in the run up to Christmas there are so many distractions. I therefore feel it would be better to have a longer term 2 to give proper time to develop themes. I know teachers do not like short terms. <br> b) The shorter summer break, and longer Christmas holidays. Ultimately I would like to see the summer holiday reduced considerably, maybe to 3 weeks, and extra days added to the Feb, May and Oct holidays to make them 2 weeks... This would benefit pupils and parents. | 2 |
| Julia Cole - Parent | I think option 2 is best. With regard to option 1, one day weeks are not very productive from the school point of view (I also teach) and can be troublesome from a parent's perspective when booking holidays or planning to go away anywhere. With regard to Option 3 the xmas holidays have TWO major celebrations in them and already feel too short. This is definitely NOT the holiday to shorten to gain 6 weeks back in the summer. Whilst I am in favour of a 6 week summer break this time could be taken back from the October half term which does not need to be any longer than one week. | 2 |
| Tanya and Jason Andrews - Parents | My husband and I prefer option two in the proposed consultation. I feel that the first term in a new school year is always the most difficult and a long break at xmas helps children recover ready for the next. Also a longer break in the summer is more difficult for parents who need childcare. | 2 |
| Vicky Hamer - Parent | As a working mum with no extended family in the area, it is difficult enough for me and my husband to get time off to look after the children during the summer without extending this to the full 6 weeks. This scenario is inconsiderate to working parents. It seems all options are geared toward the long summer holiday which goes against what is required of families in the 21st century. Parents are no longer able to stay at home due to the cost of everyday living. However rather than loose my vote, I would be in favour of Option 2. Extended summer holidays were only introduced so that children could help with the harvest. This is obviously out of date now \& should be brought in line with modern living, just like the rest of us. Whilst writing I would like to suggest that the days at the school were closed in January due to the snow, be added to the end of the school year. | 2 |
| Carolyn Still - Parent | I am writing to state my preference for option 2. As my son will have 2 GCSE exams in Jan 2010, a 2 week break at Christmas will give him time to revise, but also time to relax. I do not think the idea of option 1 with two 1 day weeks is really practical for schools and their planning. | 2 |
| Karen Grant - Parent | I would like to see option 2 as the option for the school holidays for $11 / 12$. The children do get really tired towards the end of term and to have equally spaced terms would be better for the children. | 2 |

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|}\text { Karen Tudge - Parent } & \begin{array}{l}\text { I am writing to support Option } 2 \text { of the school holidays. There needs to be some equality in the term } \\ \text { length to ensure that children are given the best opportunity to rest and the parents who work are } \\ \text { given the best opportunity to maintain their jobs as well as childcare issues related to holiday times }\end{array} & 2 \\ \hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { Having looked at the proposed options I feel Option 2 is the best option. I prefer to have a longer } \\ \text { break at Christmas as children are generally more tired by the end of the winter term. I do not agree } \\ \text { with Option 3 at all. The summer break is long enough already especially as our school adds } 2 \text { or } 3 \\ \text { TD days onto the end of the holidays. Longer summer breaks make it much harder for working } \\ \text { Parent } \\ \text { parents to arrange childcare and should be avoided at all costs. If Option 3 IS chosen I think the LEA } \\ \text { should instruct schools not to add TD days to the summer holidays. I know schools are allowed to } \\ \text { choose when they have TD days but feel the LEA should be allowed to have the final say on what is } \\ \text { acceptable. }\end{array} & \\ \hline \text { Mary Douglas - Parent } & \text { I am in favour of Option 2, which protects the Christmas holiday without giving two 1-day weeks }\end{array}\right\}$

## Option 3-Schools

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alderbury and West Grinstead - Governors | Our full Governing Body prefers option 3. | 3 |
| Abbeyfield - Teachers |  | 3 |
| Amesbury Primary Governors | My preference would be for option 3. | 3 |
| Avon Valley College Principal |  | 3 |
| Bellefield Primary - Head | We would prefer option 3. Thanks. | 3 |
| Burbage Primary - TA |  | 3 |
| Clarendon Juniors Head | We will stay with option 3. | 3 |
| Five Lanes - Head | We would choose this option because of the later finishing date at Christmas as well as the longer Summer break. We also prefer Term 2 starting on a Wednesday. | 3 |
| Greentrees Primary Head |  | 3 |
| Grove Primary Governor | As a school governor I am keenly aware of the need to achieve the unauthorised targets for my school. My view is Options 1 and 2 almost encourage parents to take their children on unauthorised absence at the beginning of the summer. This is less likely to happen for Option 3. On balance, unauthorised absence over the Christmas holiday specified in Option 3 is less likely. Term 2 ( $\mathrm{Nov} / \mathrm{Dec}$ ) is notoriously busy with Christmas celebrations as events. To lengthen that term would give staff additional time to fit activities in. A discussion between school governors suggests that Option 3 would be preferred by the majority. | 3 |
| Heddington - Head |  | 3 |
| King's Park Primary Governors | I have had very little response back from our governors on the amendments but from those who have responded the decision seems to be they still prefer option 3. | 3 |
| Larkhill Primary - Head |  | 3 |
| Lea \& Garston Primary Head |  | 3 |


| Longleaze Primary Head | Option 3, however what will happen in the event of the Queen not being alive to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee? | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Malmesbury School Teacher | Option 3 please. | 3 |
| Malmesbury Primary Head | I believe option 3 provides the most constructive solution for length of study periods, breaks at appropriate times and opportunities for the school to use TD days to minimise disruption to parents | 3 |
| Matravers - Teacher | Why don't you take option 3 but put the 2 days added on to the October break back onto the Christmas break where they used to be so that all the holidays are complete weeks. Term 2 would still be the same length but less 'bitty' | 3 |
| Minety Primary Governors | Following consultation with the full Governing Body and Teaching Staff the majority verdict was to prefer Option 3. | 3 |
| Nursteed Primary Teachers |  | 3 |
| Oare Primary - Head |  | 3 |
| Pewsey Primary - Head | Please can you note that our preference is for Option 3. | 3 |
| Priestly Primary - Head |  | 3 |
| Redland Primary - Head |  | 3 |
| Rowde - Governors |  | 3 |
| Rowdeford - Teachers | Option 3 would give a shorter Christmas holiday. Good to keep things normal at an otherwise difficult time of the year! Summer holiday would start earlier - which helps families with finances. Favour 6 week break. 2nd choice option 2. | 3 |
| Sambourne Primary Acting Head |  | 3 |
| Sheldon - Governor | Option 1: Weeks with one or two days in each are, in my view, less than helpful. Option 1, therefore, is likely to be quite difficult to handle. <br> Option 2 is better, but leaves the Christmas break starting very early and consequently, the January term beginning very soon after new Year. Option 3 looks the best, to me. It ensures that the summer break is a good long one. I have never been convinced that reducing the summer break to five weeks has been beneficial. Moreover, I have also failed to understand the reasoning behind extending the break between terms 1 and 2 to 7 school days - who does this help? If there is strong reasoning for that change - which seems to me to have a knock on effect on everything else including shortening the summer break - I have yet to see it! Do you know? The downside to option 3 is the rather short Christmas break. This would be solved by reducing the break between terms 1 and 2 to 5 school days - one complete week and two weekends. | 3 |
| South Wilts Grammar School-Head | South Wilts Grammar opt for 3. | 3 |


| Southwick Primary - <br> Acting Head | Christmas is a busy time and I need time to plan etc after Christmas in preparation for the new term. I also feel that in order to complete all the necessary 'paperwork', dismantle displays etc before planning for the autumn term it is essential to have a 6 week break so that there is some time to relax in the middle. | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Southwick Primary Teacher | I have always preferred time off after Christmas in order to plan for the following term, which this option doesn't really allow, but does offer 6 full weeks in the summer to properly unwind \& the prepare for the following year. | 3 |
| St Edmund's - Head | The full 6-week holiday was the attraction. (Some admin staff requested that we should drop the 7 day Autumn break back to 5!) Response mainly from staff. | 3 |
| St Osmunds Primary Head |  | 3 |
| Sutton Benger - Head | More than half the people consulted went for option 3 | 3 |
| Trafalgar - Head |  | 3 |
| Wansdyke Primary Teachers |  | 3 |
| Wansdyke Primary Business Manager |  | 3 |
| Wyle Valley Primary - TA |  | 3 |
| Frogwell Primary - Head | It was a split decision between Option 2 \& 3. However no one wanted option 1 | 3 |
| Langley Fitzurse - Head | Our SLT considered this update at their meeting on 3rd March \& wish to make the comment that we have a preference for either option 2 or $3 \&$ not option 1 | 3 |

## Option 3 Parents/Other

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nigel Brass - Parent | Option 1: The idea of 2 one day weeks is a disaster! The children will not learn anything on these <br> days - they will be too busy getting ready for the holidays. I think teachers would agree on this. Option <br> 2: Finishing school on 16th December is far too early. This is a time when schools should be dealing <br> with nativity etc in the run up to Christmas. Also the children do not like it (or the parents) as they want <br> Christmas as soon as they break up from school. Option 3: This seems to be the best option by far <br> and I would strongly recommend it. | I would like to put forward my views as a parent with regards to the three options being considered. <br> Having studied all three term date calendars, my preferred option would be Option 3 for the following <br> reasons: The end of the 2nd term in Option 3 (20th December) is, in my opinion, well timed. A much <br> earlier end of term (December 16 as in Option 2) would leave schools with little time for Christmas <br> work/celebrations (plays, carol concerts etc) and also leave parents with too much time to fill before <br> Christmas itself. Option 3 has only one 2 day week (in December) and all other terms end on a Friday <br> as opposed to Option 1 which has two 1 day weeks. These 1 day weeks seem a little awkward and <br> schools may find it difficult to use these days productively. If these one day weeks were turned into <br> teaching training days (as schools may be tempted to do for practical reasons), then these would | leave us with very early end of terms in December and July which could prove problematic for parents <br> and schools alike. |
| Christina Salaman - <br> Parent | I favour option 3. Six weeks in the summer gives a separation between each academic year and the <br> weather allows for more outside activities. Flying to the sun for a longer xmas break is only available <br> to a few. From a teachers point of view it really does give time to recharge and be ready for a new <br> academic year. | 3 |  |


| Alison Phillips - Parent | Having read the options being considered I have to say I would prefer option 3. This is for 2 reasons: 1 it includes a longer October half term break, which I think benefits pupils, due to the length of the first two terms of the year. They are the two longest terms, and the children tend to do most new work in them and so find them most tiring. 2. It has 6 full weeks summer break, which is better than the children finishing part way through a week. I am also glad to see all3 option put the Easter long weekend in the school break, as the year this did not happen it was difficult for working parents who have to work over bank holidays and there are lots of us - as it added to the number of days we needed to arrange for childcare. | 3 |
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| Susannah Hudson Parent | I would prefer option 3 - that gives the children a 6 week summer holiday. My 2nd preference would be option 1 ( $2 \times 1$ day weeks). | 3 |
| Carolyn Whitrow - Parent | I would prefer option 3 with 6 full weeks in the summer | 3 |
| Hilda Moore - Parent | I feel that Option 3 would be best. I think that we are shortening the summer holidays enough without robbing them of any more. Working till the Wednesday before Christmas seems sensible to me. You could have quite easily have remained with 1 week holiday at Oct half term as per 210-2011 (and before the new system) to give sufficient days at Christmas for 2 weeks without reducing the summer holidays either. I think that option 1 is ridiculous as no wants to go into school for 1 day - it is inefficient and wasteful and almost forces the schools into having study days or TD days on those dates. | 3 |
| Greg Shakeshaft Parent | Option 3 is preferred. Reasons: 1. Summer weather is more conductive to healthy activity as opposed to TV and Computers. 2. A greater choice of summer vacation dates reduces the need to take holidays during term time in order to achieve a summer vacation. 3. Aside from the few days of Christmas and New Year, holidays at this time of year are of limited value. | 3 |
| Linda Jennings - Parent | My view regarding the School Term dates 2011/2012 consultation is that Option 3 would be preferable, to allow 6 complete weeks to allow family summer holidays. Also a shorter Christmas break when the weather prevents the children from many outdoor activities. | 3 |
| Liz Colyer - Parent | I am writing with regard to your proposal for the school holiday dates 11/12. My preference is for Option 3. Another option would be to take off the 2 odd days to make up the suggestion with 2 odd days in the school week in option 1. | 3 |
| Lesley Fernley - Parent | Further to the consultation taking place, I would like to see option 3 being instigated. However, I would suggest that the two extra days at the end of term 1 i.e. 31st october/1st November be taken into the Christmas holidays thereby allowing Term 2 to finish on Friday 16th December. | 3 |


| Cathryn Shakeshaft Parent | My preference is for Option 3 - a shorter winter holiday and longer summer holiday. (Ideally I would reduce the October holiday to five days and add one day on the summer and one day on the Christmas holidays). It is healthier as, in theory, the weather is better so children can spend time outside, and engage in active pursuits such as cycling, walking, gardening, swimming etc. The short cold days of October and November do not tempt many people to outdoor exercise and for a number of children television is a far more tempting option. I imagine it is also more environmentally friendly, as the requirement for heating and lighting is generally higher in the winter. This is also costly for large buildings. | 3 |
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| Sarah Evans - Parent | Having looked at the three proposals for the 2011/2012 school holiday dates, I would prefer Option 3 as I think it is more beneficial for children to have 6 weeks off in the summer that extra time at Christmas. I agree with the proposal to revert to 7 days' holiday in October. | 3 |
| Tanya Williams - Parent | As a working mum I prefer option 3. I also wish you had kept to this format with the 7 day break in October for the 2010/11 school year. | 3 |
| Tiina Korhonen - Parent | I would prefer option 3 | 3 |
| V McGovern - Parent | It would be useful to have West Berks proposals too but they are as yet unavailable. I think conformity of neighbouring LEAs is important for families where children are at different schools in different LEAs and also for parents working in neighbouring LEAs. | 3 |
| S Edwards - Parent | Prefer to return to 6 weeks summer break and loose the odd 1-2 days on mid term holidays | 3 |
| S Jackson - Parent | Do not like the idea of 1 day weeks. Prefer a longer summer break to accommodate for family holidays during a seasonably expensive time. | 3 |
| $\checkmark$ Palmer - Parent | I think it is ludicrous that the county suggests going half way through the bank holiday week and then giving these days at half term. The council is planning on fining responsible parents for organising their lives to maximising time as families, but not enabling working parents to make maximum use of their holidays by using bank holiday weeks to only use 4 days off. Summer holidays are important | 3 |
| E Dove - Parent |  | 3 |
| Parent | I prefer a longer holiday and Summer is a more relaxed with her school | 3 |
| Mrs Sears | Id have a preference for option 2 or 3 | 2 or 3 |

## Miscellaneous

comments

| NAME | COMMENT | OPTION |  |
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| Whitesheet Primary | The governors considered this at their meeting on 9th February 2010. They decided to go with Dorset <br> term dates - along with other schools of the Tisbury \& Mere cluster. |  |  |
| Wyvern College | Staff confirm they have no preference |  |  |
| Rob Hannay - Parent | What I think would benefit (currently studying at school myself) is a shorter summer holiday that the <br> current 6 weeks, because going back after a prolonged period of time can be tedious and generally <br> not so enjoyable toward the end to the holiday. The proposed 4 weeks seems a good idea. However <br> rather than given the holiday time deducted from the summer holiday to October holiday, I believe it <br> would be more beneficial some it was added to the end of the Christmas holiday. This would benefit <br> because going back directly after the new Year people can still be excited with all their festivities and <br> not settled down ready for learning to commence once again. |  |  |
| Joseph Durrant - Parent | I would be opposed to any suggestion that lengthens the Christmas holiday, particularly at the <br> expense of the length of the summer holiday. I feel that two weeks holiday at Christmas is long <br> enough. <br> Entertaining children at this time of year can be particularly hard due to the weather and associated <br> illnesses. In general I prefer school holidays when the children can take advantage of the weather by <br> leading a healthy outside via activities outside rather than being cooped by inside houses. <br> Additionally, shortening the summer holiday would cause even great issues with book family holidays. | Please can we generally have more holiday time when the weather is better rather than worse and the <br> days are longer rather than shorter - I would support longer Easter, summer half-term and summer <br> holidays rather than longer autumn half-term or Xmas holidays. The autumn is also a very busy work <br> period for parents because companies are catching up from the summer holiday and in the run-up to <br> Christmas - a long autumn break is hard to manage relatively soon after the long summer break. <br> The last half-term of the school year is also the longest and my (primary age) children are very tired <br> well before the end of it. <br> TD days - Fridays are easier days for parents than Mondays - Mondays are a major pain: they disrupt <br> the working week much more than a Friday would do, and also holiday companies are increasingly <br> offering Friday departures. |  |


| Des Jenkins - Parent | I have just viewed the options on your website and I can not see a lot of difference between the options. Option 1 mentions 1 day weeks, which is frustrating for parents and unsettling for pupils. I think that a longer summer holiday puts a huge strain on families, especially those with children, who have special educational needs, as there is hardly anything for them to do. Many youngsters get bored and then get into trouble during this period. <br> I enjoy having 2 weeks over Christmas as the children are entertained with new toys and family get together. I think it would be better to extend either Easter or may holiday, rather than October, as the weather is better. |  |
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| Ian \& Cally Smart Parents | As parents of three primary school age children in Bradford on Avon we would like to add our views to the consultation regarding school term and holiday dates. We have considered all three options and would not favour option 3 which gives a shorter Christmas holiday. We would be equally in favour of either of the two remaining options. We trust this helps in making your decision | 1 or 2 |
| Richard Price - Parent | I do not like option 3. The summer holidays are long enough as it is and it would not be ideal to shorten the Christmas holiday in favour of this. The Christmas holiday is a nice break and I really don't think to shorten it would be wise when a lot of parents use this time off over the festive period to spend with their children. Either option 1 or 2 would be fine. | 1 or 2 |

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## Bank and Public Holidays 2011/2012

| Christmas Day Holiday | 26th December 2011 | Term 1 | 35 |
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| Boxing Day Holiday | 27th December 2011 | Term 2 | 35 |
| New Years Holiday | 2nd January 2012 | Term 3 | 29 |
| Good Friday | 6th April 2012 | Term 4 | 30 |
| Easter Monday | 9th April 2012 | Term 5 | 34 |
| May Day Holiday | 7th May 2012 | Term 6 | 31 |
| Spring Bank Holiday | 4th June 2012 | TOTAL | 194 |
| Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday | 5th June 2012 |  |  |
| Summer Bank Holiday | 27th August 2012 | Provisional start date for 2012/13 is 3 September |  |

