
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2015/16

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 2015/16.

School Term & Holidays 2015/16 - Options

2. The Local Government Association has ceased producing a recommended calendar with effect from the 2014/15 academic year and therefore there is no Standard School Year calendar by which to base our consultation.

The ATL protocol (see Appendix 1) produces the term dates detailed in Appendix 2. 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 22nd October to 30th October. The last day of term would be Monday 25th July and would see a summer holiday of five weeks and two days.

Reducing the October break to five days but still applying the ATL protocol would give a longer summer holiday and is shown in Appendix 3.

Some of our neighbouring authorities have begun their consultation process and are consulting on options which apply a five day October break and have the Easter Break running from 24th March to the 8th April (see Appendix 4). Incorporating Good Friday into the two week break reduces the length of term 6 and affords a longer summer holiday.

Recommendation

3. In order to adhere to the ATL protocol and the principle identified by the Standard School Year Round Table to establish a two-week spring break in early April irrespective of the incidence of the Easter Bank Holiday, it is recommended that Wiltshire LA consults on the dates proposed in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3. 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 to:

- 4.1 confirm the proposed option(s) for consultation for school term & holiday dates 2015/16.

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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

**Draft Term Dates 2015/2016 School Year
ATL Protocol**



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ATL Protocol - 5 day October break

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**Draft Term Dates 2015/2016 School Year
Neighbouring Authorities**

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Where everybody matters

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