

CABINET

DATE	10 th February 2021
REPORT OF	Councillor Ian Lindley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Joanne Hewson Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care
SUBJECT	School Term Dates 2022-2023
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	CB 02/21/08

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

A standardised school year for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority will 'enable children, young people and adults to learn and be ready for work'.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the proposed School Year for 2022-2023 for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet approve the proposed dates in Appendix A for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2022–2023 academic year and authorises the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care to implement.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The 1996 Education Act requires local authorities to determine school term dates annually. The proposal in Appendix A is recommended as this would ensure as much uniformity as possible with our internal own admission authority schools and academies and neighbouring local authorities. Therefore, minimising where possible internal differences and any cross boundary disruption.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 The 1996 Education Act gives local authorities a duty to determine school term dates for community and voluntary controlled schools.
- 1.2 Schools must be open to pupils for 190 days in an academic year, and 195 days for teachers.
- 1.3 Responsibility for setting term and holiday dates for all community and voluntary controlled schools within North East Lincolnshire lies with the local authority. All community and voluntary controlled schools have followed a single pattern of school year as determined by the local authority. However,

government has indicated that all schools will be able to set their own term dates in the future.

- 1.4 Responsibility for setting term dates and holiday dates for voluntary aided, foundation, trust, schools and academies lies with their respective governing bodies. However, a number of academies in North East Lincolnshire normally follow the school year as determined by the local authority.
- 1.5 The proposal for North East Lincolnshire's 2022-2023 School Year is set out in Appendix A. This proposal allows for an academic year of 190 days. It is aligned to both Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire Local Authorities.
- 1.6 The proposed dates for North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Local Authorities are provided at Appendices B and C.
- 1.7 As some academies in North East Lincolnshire have previously determined a two week break in October, there will always be some difficulties in total alignment.
- 1.8 The intentions of academies in North East Lincolnshire for 2022-2023 are unknown at this time.
- 1.9 The recommendations for the 2022-2023 academic year are based on the former Local Government Association (LGA) guidelines and include:
 - A start of the school year as near to 1 September as possible;
 - Equalised teaching and learning blocks (roughly 2 x 7 and 4 x 6 weeks);
 - A 2 week spring break in early April, irrespective of the incidence of Easter;
 - The possibility of a summer holiday of at least 6 weeks for those schools which would like this length of break.
- 1.10 The proposal provides for 190 school days, schools will need to identify 5 additional days as training days outside of these dates.
- 1.11 Previous consultations have identified and confirmed the significant cross-boundary interchange between North East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Local Authorities of teaching and non-teaching school staff. Any difference in term dates could pose an issue for those families affected.
- 1.12 The proposal for the 2022-2023 academic year was emailed to all schools / academies with a three week consultation period for response (9th November 2020 – 27th November 2020). Two responses were received to the consultation, both from academies, one was in agreement with the dates and the other would prefer a 2 week break in October.
- 1.13 The proposal was also distributed, by e-mail, to members of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) and neighbouring local authorities on 9th November 2020. No formal consultation responses were received from JCC members or from the neighbouring local authorities. Although, both North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Local Authorities had previously advised that North East Lincolnshire's proposal aligns with their determined dates for 2022-2023.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Risk Assessment against proposed School Term Dates. Identified as Priority E–Low Risk, Requiring Monitor and Review. The school term dates are consulted upon and determined annually, in line with statutory requirements. The only impact on service users/residents in the borough is differing term dates of other admission authorities. The recommended proposal attempts to minimise the differences.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 None.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Due to the stakeholder consultation undertaken there are minimal potential reputational implications for the Council resulting from the decision.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There is no effect on the Council's revenue or capital expenditure or any expectation to call upon Council reserves.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from the contents of this report.

7. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

- 7.1 There has been no consultation with the scrutiny panel.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The report is recommending the acceptance of proposed term dates for the 2022-2023 academic year and consequently there are no additional financial implications for the authority arising from the report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 By virtue of section 32 of the Education Act 2002, the Local Authority has a duty to set school term and holiday dates for community schools, community special schools, voluntary controlled schools, pupil referral units and maintained nursery schools in its area.
- 9.2 The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 require all maintained schools to open to educate their pupils for at least 380 sessions (190 days) in each school year.
- 9.3 The proposal pursuant to the Deregulation Act 2015 to let all schools set their own term dates will not be implemented, therefore the Local Authority keeps the duty to set term and holiday dates.
- 9.4 The content of the report reflects that the Council is compliant with its obligations.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

11. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards are affected..

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[2002 Education Act - Section 32](#)

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NORTH EAST LINCS. PROPOSED SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 – 2023
(1week October Half Term)

2022/2023	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
AUG/SEPT 2022	29	30	31	1	2	TERM 1 35 DAYS
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
SEPT/OCT	26	27	28	29	30	
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
NOV	31	1	2	3	4	TERM 2 35 DAYS
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
NOV/DEC	28	29	30	1	2	
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	19	20	21	22	23	
DEC/JAN 2023	26	27	28	29	30	
	2	3	4	5	6	TERM 3 28 DAYS
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
FEB	30	31	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
MAR	27	28	1	2	3	TERM 4 30 DAYS
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	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
MAR/APR	27	28	29	30	31	
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	TERM 5 28 DAYS
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
MAY/JUN	29	30	31	1	2	
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JUN/JUL	26	27	28	29	30	TERM 6 34 DAYS
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KEY	BANK HOLIDAYS			SCHOOL DAYS		190 DAYS

The above dates represent the statutory requirement for schools to be open for **190 days** for pupils. Schools will need to identify 5 training days **outside** the dates shown.

If schools need to set training days within the dates shown they should identify the additional day/s they will be open for pupils so that they still meet the requirement to be open to pupils for **190 days**.

Any school intending to take different holiday dates from those above should ensure that they meet the statutory requirement to be open for **190 days** for pupils

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RECOMMENDED SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2022/2023

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	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	TERM 3 29 DAYS
DEC/JAN 2023	26	27	28	29	30	
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
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	13	14	15	16	17	TERM 4 29 DAYS
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Bank Holiday Dates: 29th Aug 2022, 26th & 27th Dec 2022, 2nd Jan 2023, 7th & 10th Apr 2023, 1st & 29th May 2023

Schools will need to identify 5 non-teaching training days from the calendar above, outside the school days
SUGGESTED TRAINING DATES (NOT GIVEN) Select up to five (or combine days & twilight sessions)
 1st, 2nd September 2022, 21st October 2022, 19th or 20th December 2022, 10th February 2023 or 31st March 2023, 17th April 2023.

Schools should publish their term dates on the school website

These are LCC recommended dates and parents should check the school's own website to confirm the school's own term dates