


Decision Record – School Term Dates 2021/22 Academic Year

Lead Member	Portfolio Holder for Education & Learning
Date of decision	21 February 2020
	Signed 

Decision taken

Approval of the school term and holiday dates for the 2021/22 academic year as set out in Background Paper 2.

Reasons for decisions

A consultation exercise ran between 26th November to 20th December 2019; this consultation was carried out with all state-funded schools, governing bodies, and union representatives.

The term dates of neighbouring authorities affect the preferences of some schools, mainly those close to authority borders. Where neighbouring authorities had published their term dates for 2021/22, these were included in the consultation information.

Two options for the 2021/22 academic year were put forward for consideration. These two options align closely with two options currently being consulted on by Coventry City Council. Option 1 is based on the calendar as previously proposed by the West Midlands Regional School Term Date Group as an option for all regional local authorities. Option 2 differs by having an earlier October half term holiday.

Option 1:

- Term 1 – 2nd September to 17th December 2021
- Half term holiday 1 – 25th October to 29th October 2021
- Term 2 – 4th January to 8th April 2022
- Half term holiday 2 – 21st February to 25th February 2022
- Term 3 – 25th April to 22nd July 2022
- Half term holiday 3 – 30th May to 3rd June 2022

Consultees were made aware that dates very similar to Option 1 have been adopted by Staffordshire and Birmingham authorities, and are proposed by Solihull, Worcestershire and Oxfordshire authorities. They also form part of the Coventry City Council consultation.