

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

13-00048

For publication**Subject: Proposed Term Dates For The School Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17****Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, I agree to the Term Dates for the School Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 (attached as appendices 1, 2 and 3).

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC is responsible for setting term dates for community and voluntary controlled schools, while governing bodies of foundation and voluntary aided schools are responsible for setting their own term dates. Academies (and free schools) have the freedom to change the length of terms. In determining the proposed future school term dates, KCC is required to consult on the proposed dates with key stakeholders.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the responses to the consultation;
- the views of MPs, District and Parish Councils, County Councillors, Schools' Governing Bodies, Staff and Pupils;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments received regarding this; and
- the views of the Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Committee considered the responses received to the consultation and discussed the concerns raised. The Cabinet Committee resolved to endorse the proposed decision (13-00048) to agree to the proposed Term Dates For The School Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17

Any alternatives considered:

- 1.1 Following consultation, the proposed dates for 2014-15 remain as originally drawn up in draft form for the consultation.
- 1.2 The proposed dates for 2015-16 have been modified slightly to address concerns identified over the positioning of the end of term 4 break. Even though the LGA recommends a two-week spring break in early April, irrespective of the incidence of the Easter bank holiday, schools felt that the two bank holidays should be incorporated into the Easter break.
- 1.3 The proposed dates for 2016/17 have been modified slightly to address concerns identified by a neighbouring authority over the positioning of the February half term and end of term 4 break. The LGA recommends that there should be equal teaching and learning blocks, and a two-week spring break in early April, irrespective of the incidence of the Easter bank holiday and taking this into consideration changes to the proposed date were altered.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

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signed

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date

24/6/13