

**Outcomes from consultation on school Term Dates for 2020-21 and 2021-22
Calendars** (see below for breakdown of responses)

Consultation responses received: 54

A summary of the responses received showed that:

	In Favour	Undecided	Opposed
Parents / carer inc. grandparents)	18		8
Headteachers	8	2	5
Teachers	5		1
Governors	2		2
School Admin			1
Unions	2		
Totals	35	2	17

Summary of comments in favour of the proposal:

- 20 respondents agreed to the proposal with no further comment.
- Happy with the proposed dates and pleased that there is a full two-week closure over the Christmas period, falling between two weekends.
- These dates seem sensible, taking account of learning needs for pupils and recognising likely behaviours of parents.
- Pleased that most terms are kept to full weeks
- Pleased that there is an earlier start date in September.
- One respondent agreed to the dates as 1 September is the universal date to start each academic year in some European countries and it supported the harmonisation, particularly to give more holiday time in July when many festivals are held.
- Pleased that the 6 weeks holiday remains as this is an important part of childhood.
- Agreed with proposed dates but would like to see cohesion with other local schools.
- Agreed although feel that 8-week terms are tiring
- Agreed but would like a maximum of 6-week terms.
- Agreed but would prefer the holy week off at Easter
- A Christian respondent agreed with the proposed dates but would prefer the Holy Week off before Easter Sunday, although, understands that Easter is a moveable feast and makes this difficult to implement in some years.

Summary of comments against the proposal included:

- Term 1 in 2020 is too long
- Terms finishing part way through the week encouraging non-attendance
- Concerns raised over October 2020 breaking being later than previous years
- Increase May break and shorten Easter break by a week
- Increase the October and May holidays and reduce the summer holidays

- Increase the Christmas, Easter and Summer breaks
- Imbalance of the terms
- Increase February break to two weeks
- Increase the Christmas and Easter breaks

Summary of undecided comments included:

- The term dates seem very similar to those we have been using over the past few years.
- The dates are similar to previous years