

**Outcomes from consultation on school Term Dates for 2022-23 Calendars** (see below for breakdown of responses)

Consultation responses received:

A summary of the responses received showed that:

	In Favour	Opposed
Parents / carer ( inc. grandparents)	101	40
Headteachers	14	4
Teachers (inc teaching assistants)	19	5
Governors	7	1
Early Year Providers	2	
School Staff	5	2
Residents	3	
Unions	1	
OLA	1	
Parish Councillor		1
Clinical Psychologist		1
SENIF Practitioner		1
Academy Trust	1	
Diocese Representative	1	
College Student	1	
KCC employee	1	
Youth Charity	1	
others	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>55</b>

Summary of comments in favour of the proposal:

- They look very sensible and seem to address issues of evening out term lengths as much as possible and avoiding part weeks
- I am happy for KCC to proceed with the proposed 6 term school year as proposed in the 2022/23 document
- I like these term dates. They are the same/similar to those used previously
- I cannot see a specific problem with the dates, but as a resident who lives opposite a school the start and finish times should be policed more aggressively.
- I believe the 6-term system will work well. This is because the six, 6-week terms plus half terms and holidays give pupils and teachers a much-needed and more frequent regular break.
- All look very sensible. Good balance of term lengths as far as possible
- I think this is a good proposal

- The dates proposed were as expected.
- They do not appear to be any different from usual and still fall within our planned dates.
- I think that they are a very sensible solution.
- I agree with the proposal. The dates are not very different from the current model, but allow for more evenly sized terms.
- I think that the proposed term dates work well for all involved and allow a good balance with the terms throughout the year
- I could work with the term dates and lengths. This is the best version of a 6 term year that it is possible to have.
- Whilst I believe the spread of terms is generally equitable, I feel there is a need to look both this year and longer term at shortening the summer break and giving greater time in October and February - two weeks rather than one - as these are essential to members of the teaching profession being able to recharge batteries during what continues to be an incredibly stressful period.
- I think they look well spaced out and manageable for children and staff.
- I think the proposals are acceptable and a sensible allocation of time over the year.

Summary of comments against the proposal included:

- Objected to the start of term on a Thursday (16)
- Would prefer equal term lengths. (8)
- In favour of two-week break in October. (6)
- Would prefer co-ordinated term dates for all Kent schools. (6)
- Christmas break should be longer. (4)
- Longer school terms and shorter breaks. (2)
- Summer break should be 6 weeks not 5 weeks. (2)
- Winter terms should have shorter breaks. (1)
- Return later in term 3. (1)
- Christmas break should start later (1)
- Schools should not have co-ordinated term dates. (1)
- October break should include Halloween and the summer holidays reduced and Christmas break increased in length. (1)
- Increase Summer break and reduce half terms. (1)

Summary of undecided comments included:

- It would be nice if some of the holidays were during “term time” so that we can book cheaper holidays
- The proposed term dates are the same as previous years with the long summer break, which isn't ideal.

- There doesn't appear to be much change from previous years. The term dates are based on accommodating the Christian religious holidays based on the majority of students, approximately 63% identifying as Christian. I suspect this figure varies between primary and secondary school students, and different areas of the country."

During the consultation process a number of responses were received regarding the recent announcement that the Government is looking at the possibility of shortening the summer holiday and moving to a five-term school year, these response were outside of the jurisdiction of the consultation and have not been included in the above as this decision focuses on the proposed term dates for 2022-23.