

Outcomes from consultation on school calendars (see below for breakdown of responses)

Responder	Comment	Feedback	Recommendation
Chair of Governors of a number of schools and governor of others	Support all of the proposed dates across the three academic years unreservedly.	N/A	Accepted
2014-15			
Headteacher	Raised concerns that the end of Term 4 in 2015/16 does not include the Easter bank holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday bank). Parents will have to make alternative childcare arrangements.	In 2004 an agreement between the LGA and NASUWT established a set of principles for agreeing standardised school term and holiday dates. These principles flowed in part from the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Organisation of the School Year, commissioned by the LGA in 1999. The following principle is pre-requisites to delivering a national pattern:- establish a two-week spring break in early April irrespective of the incidence of the Easter bank holiday. (Where the break does not coincide with the bank holiday the date should be nationally agreed and as consistent as possible across all local authorities)	Declined
Headteacher	Term 5 is too short and term 6 is too long. A 5 week term is too short to fit everything that needs to be done into and it is unreasonable for very young children to be at school for nearly 8 weeks in the summer term when it is very hot and they are very tired. Moving the May/June	The LGA recommends that local authorities are as consistent as possible. Most of our neighbouring authorities have already determined the term dates for 2014-15 and the proposed dates align with these dates.	Declined

	half term a week later therefore making term 5 longer and term 6 shorter would seem to be a logical step.		
2015-16			
.Headteacher	Would prefer to see the Easter Bank Holidays in 2016 encompassed within the school holiday period	In 2004 an agreement between the LGA and NASUWT established a set of principles for agreeing standardised school term and holiday dates. These principles flowed in part from the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Organisation of the School Year, commissioned by the LGA in 1999. The following principle is pre-requisites to delivering a national pattern:- establish a two-week spring break in early April irrespective of the incidence of the Easter bank holiday. (Where the break does not coincide with the bank holiday the date should be nationally agreed and as consistent as possible across all local authorities)	Declined
Governing Body	Commented that for a primary school, a later finish in December and a later start in January is better for families and children. It saves us cramming Christmas plays, parties and concerts in too soon in December and is easier for parents as their children are not at home and excited well before Christmas starts. We would suggest for:	The LGA recommends that local authorities are as consistent as possible. Some of our neighbouring authorities have already determined the term dates for 2015-16 and the proposed dates align with these dates. In addition one of the other authorities intends to consult on the same proposed term dates.	Declined

	2015-16 a term 2 finish on Tuesday 22 December 2015 & term 3 start again on Wed 6 th January 2016		
2016-17			
Governing Body	<p>For a primary school, a later finish in December and a later start in January is better for families and children. It saves us cramming Christmas plays, parties and concerts in too soon in December and is easier for parents as their children are not at home and excited well before Christmas starts.</p> <p>We would suggest for: 2016-17 a term 2 finish on Wednesday 21st December 2016 and term 3 start again on Monday 9th January 2017</p>	Following these comments alterations have been made to the proposed dates	Accepted
Neighbouring Local Authority	Discussed alternative dates that they intend to consult upon later this year.	Following these discussions alterations have been made to the proposed dates	Accepted

Breakdown of responses received

Primary schools	7	Diocesan Representatives	0
Secondary schools	0	Joint headteacher & union rep	0
Parents	0	Teaching assistant	0
Teacher Unions		Other LAs	1
Total number of responses	8		