

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

14th June 2018

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION

ANDREW THOMAS

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Terms Dates 2020/2021

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board permission to approve the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2020/2021 academic year.

Executive Summary

2. The Local Authority is responsible to determine school terms and holiday dates for community and maintained special schools.
3. The proposed school term dates 2020/2021 have been consulted upon

4. Consultation took place between the 22nd March 2018 and 28th May 2018. Consultees included governing bodies, trade unions and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

Background

5. To ensure harmonisation of school term dates across Wales, the Welsh Government have issued legislation which gives the Welsh Ministers power to direct authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary aided and foundation schools on the school term dates that they set.
6. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.
7. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2020/2021 by the final working day in August 2018.
8. The 2020/2021 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as those that have been proposed by City and County of Swansea, Powys County Council, Ceredigion County Council, Carmarthenshire County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council.
9. At its meeting on 15th March 2018, the Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board approved consultation on the proposed 2020/2021 school term dates.
10. Consultation took place between the 22nd March 2018 and 28th May 2018. Consultees included governing bodies, trade unions and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area
11. Permission is sought to approve the proposed 2020/2021 term dates which are attached as Appendix A and for them to be submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

Consultation

12. Consultation took place between the 22nd March 2018 and 28th May 2018. Consultees included governing bodies, trade unions and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.
13. No comments were received from neighbouring Authorities
14. No comments were received from the Trade Unions.

Financial Impact

15. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

16. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this Policy does not require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA). There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

17. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

18. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2020/2021 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2018.

Risk Management

19. There are requirements placed on the Local Authority to consult and determine the school term dates prior to submission to the Welsh Ministers.

Recommendations

20. To approve for submission to the Welsh Ministers the proposed 2020/2021 school term dates.

Reason for Proposed Decision:

21. To enable the Authority to meet its statutory duties.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

Appendices

22. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2020/2021.
23. Appendix B : Consultation Report.

List of Background Papers

24. The Education (Notification of School Term Dates)(Wales) Regulations 2014
25. School Standards and Framework Act, 1998

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School Terms and Holiday Dates
2020/2021 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2020	Tuesday 1 st September	Monday 26 th October	Friday 30 th October	Tuesday 22 nd December	76
Spring 2021	Monday 4 th January	Monday 15 th February	Friday 19 th February	Friday 26 th March	55
Summer 2021	Monday 12 th April	Monday 31 st May	Friday 4 th June	Friday 16 th July	64
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Tuesday 1st September 2020 and Friday 16th July 2021.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 2 nd April 2021
Easter Monday	Monday 5 th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 st May 2021