

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

**Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION**

**ANDREW THOMAS**

**MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS**

**School Terms Dates 2021/2022**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To obtain Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board permission to consult on the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2021/2022 academic year.

**Executive Summary**

2. The Local Authority is responsible to determine school terms and holiday dates for community and maintained special schools and is required to consult on its proposals prior to determination.

## **Background**

3. 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.
4. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.
5. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2021/2022 by the final working day in August 2019.
6. The 2021/2022 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are those the same as neighbouring authorities.
7. Permission is sought to consult on the proposed 2021/2022 term dates which are attached as Appendix A.

## **Financial Impact**

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

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

9. 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**

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

## **Legal Impacts**

11. The Local Authority has a statutory requirement to consult on proposed school term dates.

12. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2021/2022 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2019.

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Consultation**

14. Permission is sort to consult with governing bodies and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

### **Recommendations**

15. To approve for consultation the proposed 2021/2022 school term dates.

### **Implementation of Decision**

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

### **Appendices**

17. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2021/2022.

### **List of Background Papers**

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

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**School Terms and Holiday Dates**  
**2021/2022 Academic Year**

		<b>Mid Term Holiday</b>			
<b>Term</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Begins</b>	<b>Ends</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Days</b>
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2nd September	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>72</b>
Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	64
Summer 2022	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	59
				<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

**Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.**

**Bank Holidays**

Good Friday	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Easter Monday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022