

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

**Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 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 approve 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.
3. The proposed school term dates 2021/2022 have been consulted upon

4. Consultation took place between the 15th March 2019 and 3rd May 2019. 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 2021/2022 by the final working day in August 2019.
8. The 2021/2022 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as those that have been proposed by City and County of Swansea, Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Caerphilly, Torfaen, Newport, Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Cardiff and Blaenau Gwent.
9. At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board approved consultation on the proposed 2021/2022 school term dates.
10. Consultation took place between the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. Consultees included governing bodies, trade unions and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area
11. Permission is sought to approve the proposed 2021/2022 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 15th March 2019 and 3rd May 2019. 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 2021/2022 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2019.

### **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 2021/2022 school term dates.

### **Implementation of Decision**

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

## **Appendices**

22. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2021/2022.
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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## Appendix A



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

Term	Term	Mid Term Holiday		Term Ends	Days
		Begins	Ends		
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2nd September	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	72
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