

**NEATH PORT TALBOT
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

5 May, 2020

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION

ANDREW THOMAS

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Term Dates 2022/2023

Purpose of the Report

To request permission to consult on the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2022/2023 academic year.

Executive Summary

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

Background

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.

Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.

It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2022/2023 by the final working day in August 2020.

The 2022/2023 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are those the same as those that neighbouring authorities are consulting upon.

Permission is sought to consult on the proposed 2022/2023 term dates which are attached as Appendix A.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

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

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

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

In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the approved 2022/2023 school term dates must be

submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2020.

Risk Management

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

Consultation

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

Recommendations

To approve for consultation the proposed 2022/2023 school term dates.

Reason for Decision

To enable the Authority to meet its statutory duties.

Implementation of Decision

The decision will be implemented immediately.

Appendices

Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2022/2023.

List of Background Papers

The Education (Notification of School Term Dates)(Wales) Regulations 2014

Education Act 2002 (S32a).

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School Terms and Holiday Dates
2022/2023 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2022	Monday 5th September	Monday 31 st October	Friday 4 th November	Friday 23 rd December	75
Spring 2023	Monday 9 th January	Monday 20 th February	Friday 24 th February	Friday 31 st March	55
Summer 2023	Monday 17 th April	Monday 29 th May	Friday 2 nd June	Monday 24 th July	65
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff training on five days between Monday, 5th September, 2022 and Monday, 24th July, 2023.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday, 7 th April, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, 10 th April, 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday, 1 st May, 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday, 29 th May, 2022