

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

18 March 2021

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION

ANDREW THOMAS

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Terms Dates 2023/2024

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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 by the final working day in August 2021.
6. The 2023/2024 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as other authorities, although INSET days may vary.
7. Permission is sought to consult on the proposed 2023/2024 term dates which are attached as Appendix A.

Financial Impact

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

Integrated 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 Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). 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 2023/2024 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2021.

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 2023/2024 school term dates.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

17. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2023/2024.

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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Appendix A



School Terms and Holiday Dates 2023/2024 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2023	Friday 1 st September	Monday 30 th October	Friday 3 rd November	Friday 22 nd December	76
Spring 2024	Monday 8 th January	Monday 12 th February	Friday 16 th February	Friday 22 nd March	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 th April	Monday 27 th May	Friday 31 st May	Friday 19 th July	69
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Friday 1st September 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024