

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Cabinet

28th July 2022

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EDUCATION
DEVELOPMENT**

Mr C Millis

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Terms Dates 2024/2025

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain Cabinet permission to approve the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 have been consulted upon. No adverse comments were received.

Background

4. 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.
5. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.
6. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2024/2025 by the final working day in August 2022.
7. The 2024/2025 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as other authorities, although INSET days may vary.
8. Permission is sought to approve the proposed 2024/2025 term dates which are attached as Appendix A and for them to be submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

Consultation

9. Consultation has taken place and no adverse comments were received.

Financial Impact

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

Integrated Impact Assessment

11. 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

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

Legal Impacts

13. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2024/2025 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2022.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

15. To approve for submission to the Welsh Ministers the proposed 2024/2025 school term dates.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

17. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2024/2025.
18. Appendix B: Consultation Report.

List of Background Papers

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

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School Terms and Holiday Dates
2024/2025 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 nd September	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November	Friday 20 th December	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 th January	Monday 24 th February	Friday 28 th February	Friday 11 th April	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 th April	Monday 26 th May	Friday 30 th May	Monday 21 st July	55
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Monday 2nd September 2024 and Monday 21st July 2025.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 18 th April 2025
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 26 th May 2025