

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

14th March 2024

Report of the Head of Education Development

Chris Millis

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Terms Dates 2026/2027

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain Cabinet permission to consult the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 by the final working day in August 2024.
6. The 2026/2027 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as other authorities, although INSET days may vary.
7. Permission is sort to consult on the proposed 2026/2027 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 There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Valleys Communities Impacts

10. This Impacts on all areas equally.

Workforce Impacts

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

Legal Impacts

12. The Local Authority has a statutory requirement to consult on proposed school term dates.
13. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2026/2027 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2024.

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.

Consultation

15. Permission is sort to consult with governing bodies, trade union representatives and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

Recommendations

16. To approve for consultation the proposed 2026/2027 school terms dates.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

18. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2026/2027.

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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Appendix A: Proposed
School Term Dates
2026/2027.



School Terms and Holiday Dates
2026/2027 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2026	Tuesday 1 st September	Monday 26 th October	Friday 30 th October	Friday 18 th December	74
Spring 2027	Monday 4 th January	Monday 15 th February	Friday 19 th February	Thursday 25 th March	54
Summer 2027	Monday 12 th April	Monday 31 st May	Friday 4 th June	Wednesday 21 st July	67
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Tuesday 1st September 2026 and Wednesday 21st July 2027.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday Friday 26th March 2027
Easter Monday Monday 29th March 2027
May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 2027