

## Delegated Decision

6 January 2020

School Holiday and Term Dates 2021/22



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## Report of John Pearce, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services

### Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide.

### Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, using delegated powers for the school holiday and term dates for the academic year 2021/22.

### Background

- 2 Section 32 of the Education Act 2002 gives Local Authorities the duty to determine the school holiday and term time dates for community and voluntary controlled schools. In the case of Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools, Free Schools and Academies, Governing Bodies are the responsible bodies for determining when the school term and holidays are to begin and end although the Local Authority recommends that they adopt those dates determined for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.
- 3 To try to standardise term dates in the north east, the practice is for the various options to be exchanged via email prior to finalising the proposal dates on which to consult.
- 4 A consultation on the proposed holiday and term dates for the academic year 2021/22 was carried out between 11 November 2019 and 13 December 2019 with all Durham Schools and Academies, Teaching and Non-Teaching Unions and the following Local Authorities:

Sunderland, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Darlington, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Stockton.

## Responses to the Consultation

- 5 Two responses were received to that consultation, both from schools. Both responses proposed that instead of the 2021/22 academic year commencing on Wednesday 1 September 2021, that day should be a holiday and that schools return on Thursday 2 September 2021. They also proposed that the school year ended on Friday 22 July 2022 rather than Thursday 21 July 2022.
- 6 The proposed changes would give schools the opportunity of using 2 and 3 September 2021 as INSET days and pupils could start the 2021/22 year on Monday 6 September 2021.

## Conclusion

- 7 The Local Authority's holiday and term time dates align with the majority of other Local Authorities in the region. It is however becoming increasingly difficult to get uniformity across all schools as more convert to academy status and set dates which can differ from those set by the Local Authority.
- 8 The alternative dates proposed by the two schools would result in children having in excess of 6 weeks' holidays should schools opt to take 2 and 3 September 2021 as INSET days. However, all schools may not opt to do so which would mean different starts to the 2021/22 school year for children. The dates would also differ from those set by a number of other Local Authorities in the region. On balance the term and holiday dates proposed by the Local Authority for the academic year 2021/22 are the preferred dates.

## Recommendation

- 9 The proposed holiday and term dates (attached as Appendix 2) for the academic year 2021/22 are agreed.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

The actions described in this report comply with Section 32 of the Education Act 2002 that gives Local Authorities the duty to determine the school holiday and term time dates for community and voluntary controlled schools.

### **Finance**

N/A.

### **Consultation**

- All Durham Schools and Academies.
- North East Local Authorities.
- Teaching and Non-teaching Unions.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

N/A.

### **Climate Change**

N/A.

### **Human Rights**

N/A.

### **Crime and Disorder**

N/A

### **Staffing**

N/A.

### **Accommodation**

N/A.

### **Risk**

N/A.

### **Procurement**

N/A.



### PROPOSED SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

SEPTEMBER 2021 (22 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2021 (16 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

NOVEMBER 2021 (22 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

DECEMBER 2021 (13 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2022 (20 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2022 (15 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

MARCH 2022 (23 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2022 (11 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY 2022 (19 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

JUNE 2022 (19 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2022 (15 days)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

AUGUST 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1/9	2/9	

  School Holidays

Total Term Dates = 195

  Bank Holidays

The number of term days shown is 195. Schools must be open to pupils for 190 days and staff must be available for work on a further five days or the equivalent for in-service training (PD days). Pupils will not attend on those PD days. Each school determines when these will take place and will inform parents. The new school year will begin on **Monday 5 September 2022**.