

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all Warwickshire Schools

Communities Group Warwickshire County Council

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Dear Colleague

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22

For the attention of: All Headteachers and Governing Bodies

Action required: Comments are invited on the proposed calendars for the Academic Year 2021/22 and should be submitted by Friday 20th December 2019

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. To date, the majority of Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Academy schools have also followed the same term and holiday dates.

This letter contains two options for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2021/22. A suggested Secondary School Induction Day date is also included in the proposals.

Your preference for 2021/22 and any comments will be taken into account before final dates are decided by the Portfolio Holder for Education.

Please review the calendars included in this letter and provide your feedback by email to <u>schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk</u> or via the feedback questionnaire using the following <u>link</u>

Comments should be submitted by Friday 20th December 2019.



Guiding principles used in Warwickshire

A number of guiding principles are used to set the pattern of terms and holidays, every effort is made to adhere to as many of the following as possible:

- 1. 195 school days from which five teacher training days are taken
- 2. Two of the five teacher training days are defined by the local authority, one at the start of the autumn and spring terms, the other three are set by schools
- 3. Complete weeks wherever possible
- 4. A three weekend break at Christmas and Easter
- 5. A summer break as close to six weeks as possible
- 6. A pattern which is as consistent as possible with neighbouring authorities.

Where dates differ in different schools, this can cause logistical difficulties for staff and parents with interests in these schools (such as childcare for children who have different holiday dates). Differing school dates also have an impact on home to school transport arrangements, such as where pupils of an academy school with different dates rely on transport provided by the local authority, which may not run over the authority's holiday dates.

In attempting to adhere to the above principles, Warwickshire's calendars have occasionally differed from those set by some neighbouring authorities. The presence of some Multi Academy Trusts spanning across different local authorities adds complexity to agreeing term dates and training days.

Neighbouring Authorities – 2021/22

As part of our commitment to align term dates with our neighbouring authorities where possible, a review has been conducted of their term dates for 2021/22. You may find this useful when considering your feedback on the proposed options for Warwickshire.

Coventry	Currently consulting - similar two options as WCC
Solihull	Currently consulting - similar to WCC Option 1
Leicestershire	Published online <u>here</u>
Staffordshire	Published online here - similar to WCC Option 1
Worcestershire	Not yet consulting - proposing similar to WCC Option 1
Birmingham	Published online here - similar to WCC Option 1
	Not yet consulting – proposing two options, one similar to WCC Option
Northants	1, the other with an earlier Easter break (4-18 th April 2022)
Oxfordshire	Currently consulting (similar to WCC Option 1)
Gloucestershire	Information not yet available

The latest information about neighbouring authorities' term dates is detailed below:



Thank you in advance for your feedback. We will aim to publish final dates on the Warwickshire County Council website by April 2020, and will also email them to all Warwickshire Headteachers.

Yours sincerely

Hayley Good Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Education & Early Years)

Encl. 'Proposed term dates Warks 21-22 final' Options 1 and 2.

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22 **Proposed Option 1 - aligned with West Midlands**

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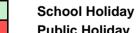
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Spring Term	64
Summer Term	59



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Public Holiday

Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



Secondary School Induction Day

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Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22 Proposed Option 2 - earlier Autumn half term

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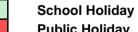
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