

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of  
all Warwickshire Schools

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Dear Colleague

**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21**

**For the attention of:** All Headteachers and Governing Bodies

**Action required:** Comments are invited on the proposed calendars for the Academic Year 2020/21 and should be submitted by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Warwickshire County Council 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 followed the same term and holiday dates.

This letter contains two options for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2020/21. A suggested Secondary School Induction Day date is also included in the proposals.

Your preference for 2020/21 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 [consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk) or via the feedback questionnaire using the following [link](#)

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### **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 – 2020/21**

As part of our commitment to align term dates with our neighbouring authorities where possible, a review has been conducted of their finalised term dates for 2020/21. You may find this useful when considering your feedback on the proposed options for Warwickshire.

The authorities listed below have finalised dates in line with the Warwickshire Options noted:

Coventry	Option 2
Leicestershire	Option 2 – with a number of differences (Spring term, Oct half term & Summer holiday starting one week earlier)
Staffordshire	Option 1
Worcestershire	Option 1
Birmingham	Option 1

Other neighbouring authorities had not finalised their dates at the time of writing.

**A comment on term dates for 2019/20**

Following a similar consultation last year, Warwickshire published term dates for 2019/20 in line with the large majority of neighbouring authorities. Coventry City Council has published 2019/20 dates that have a number of differences with the Warwickshire dates, and with their other neighbouring authorities.

We recognise that this may cause some logistical difficulties for parents and school staff with interests in both authorities.

Thank you in advance for your feedback. We will aim to publish final dates on the Warwickshire County Council website by April 2019, and also email them to all Warwickshire Headteachers.

Yours sincerely

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Strategic Lead - Education Sufficiency and Access

**Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2020/21**  
**Proposed Option 1 (Later Easter holiday)**

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August 2020						
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Half Term	Days
1	39
2	35
3	30
4	29
5	29
6	33
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	59
Summer Term	62

	School Holiday
	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 - 2020/21**  
**Proposed Option 2 (Earlier Easter holiday)**

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August 2020						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Half Term	Days
1	39
2	35
3	30
4	25
5	34
6	32
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	55
Summer Term	66

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

	Secondary School Induction Day
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