

CABINET

DATE	10 th June 2020
REPORT OF	Councillor Ian Lindley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Joanne Hewson – Dep Chief Exec /Director of Children’s Services
SUBJECT	School Term Dates 2021-2022
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	Not included on the Forward Plan – to be considered under the General Exception rules as set out in the Council’s Constitution

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

A standardised school year for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority will ‘enable children, young people and adults to learn and be ready for work’.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the proposed School Year for 2021-2022 for all voluntary controlled and community schools within the local authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject to any changes during the COVID-19 emergency and emerging national guidance and policy:

That Cabinet approves the proposed dates in Appendix A for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2021–2022 academic year.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The 1996 Education Act requires local authorities to determine school term dates annually. The proposal in Appendix A is recommended as this would ensure as much uniformity as possible with our internal own admission authority schools and academies and neighbouring local authorities. Therefore, minimising where possible internal differences and any cross boundary disruption.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 The 1996 Education Act gives local authorities a duty to determine school term dates for community and voluntary controlled schools.
- 1.2 Schools must be open to pupils for 190 days in an academic year, and 195 days for teachers.
- 1.3 Responsibility for setting term and holiday dates for all community and voluntary controlled schools within North East Lincolnshire lies with the local

authority. All community and voluntary controlled schools have followed a single pattern of school year as determined by the local authority. However, government has indicated that all schools will be able to set their own term dates in the future.

- 1.4 Responsibility for setting term dates and holiday dates for voluntary aided, foundation, trust, schools and academies lies with their respective governing bodies. However, a number of academies in North East Lincolnshire normally follow the school year as determined by the local authority.
- 1.5 The proposal for North East Lincolnshire's 2021-2022 School Year is set out in Appendix A. This proposal allows for an academic year of 190 days. It is aligned to both Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire Local Authorities.
- 1.6 The dates already determined and published by North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Local Authorities are provided at Appendices B and C.
- 1.7 As some academies in North East Lincolnshire have previously determined a two week break in October, there will always be some difficulties in total alignment.
- 1.8 The intentions of academies in North East Lincolnshire for 2021-2022 are unknown at this time.
- 1.9 The recommendations for the 2021-2022 academic year are based on the former Local Government Association (LGA) guidelines and include:
 - A start of the school year as near to 1 September as possible;
 - Equalised teaching and learning blocks (roughly 2 x 7 and 4 x 6 weeks);
 - A 2 week spring break in early April, irrespective of the incidence of Easter;
 - The possibility of a summer holiday of at least 6 weeks for those schools which would like this length of break.
- 1.10 The proposal provides for 190 school days, schools will need to identify 5 additional days as training days outside of these dates.
- 1.11 Previous consultations have identified and confirmed the significant cross-boundary interchange between North East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Local Authorities of teaching and non-teaching school staff. Any difference in term dates could pose an issue for those families affected.
- 1.12 The proposal for the 2021-2022 academic year was emailed to all schools / academies with a three week consultation period for response (11th November 2019 – 29th November 2019). There were no responses received to the consultation.
- 1.13 The proposal was also distributed, by e-mail, to members of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) and neighbouring local authorities on 11th November 2019. No formal consultation responses were received from JCC members or from the neighbouring local authorities. Although, both North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Local Authorities had previously advised that North East Lincolnshire's proposal aligns with their determined dates for 2021-2022.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Risk Assessment against proposed School Term Dates. Identified as Priority E–Low Risk, Requiring Monitor and Review. The school term dates are consulted upon and determined annually, in line with statutory requirements. The only impact on service users/residents in the borough is differing term dates of other admission authorities. The recommended proposal attempts to minimise the differences.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 None.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Due to the stakeholder consultation undertaken there are minimal potential reputational implications for the Council resulting from the decision.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There is no effect on the Council's revenue or capital expenditure or any expectation to call upon Council reserves.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from the contents of this report.

7. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

- 7.1 There has been no consultation with the scrutiny panel.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The report is recommending the acceptance of proposed term dates for the 2021-2022 academic year and consequently there are no additional financial implications for the authority arising from the report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 By virtue of section 32 of the Education Act 2002, the Local Authority has a duty to set school term and holiday dates for community schools, community special schools, voluntary controlled schools, pupil referral units and maintained nursery schools in its area.
- 9.2 The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 require all maintained schools to open to educate their pupils for at least 380 sessions (190 days) in each school year.
- 9.3 The proposal pursuant to the Deregulation Act 2015 to let all schools set their own term dates will not be implemented, therefore the Local Authority keeps the duty to set term and holiday dates.
- 9.4 The content of the report reflects that the Council is compliant with its obligations.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

11. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards are affected.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[2002 Education Act - Section 32](#)

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NORTH EAST LINCS. PROPOSED TERM DATES 2021/2022

2021/2022	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
AUG/SEPT 2021	30	31	1	2	3	TERM 1 37 DAYS
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
SEPT/OCT	27	28	29	30	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	
NOV	1	2	3	4	5	TERM 2 34 DAYS
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
NOV/DEC	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
DEC/JAN 2022	27	28	29	30	31	TERM 3 28 DAYS
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
FEB	31	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
MAR	28	1	2	3	4	TERM 4 30 DAYS
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
MAR/APR	28	29	30	31	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	TERM 5 27 DAYS
	25	26	27	28	29	
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
MAY/JUN	30	31	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	TERM 6 34 DAYS
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
JUN/JUL	27	28	29	30	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
KEY	BANK HOLIDAYS			SCHOOL DAYS		190 DAYS

The above dates represent the statutory requirement for schools to be open for **190 days** for pupils. Schools will need to identify 5 training days **outside** the dates shown.

If schools need to set training days within the dates shown they should identify the additional day/s they will be open for pupils so that they still meet the requirement to be open to pupils for **190 days**.

Any school intending to take different holiday dates from those above should ensure that they meet the statutory requirement to be open for **190 days** for pupils

SCHOOL YEAR – 2021/22



Where possible, schools should attempt to identify **all five** non-teaching training days **outside** the dates shown below (or combine days and twilight sessions).

If it is necessary for individual schools to set training days within the dates shown below they will also need to identify the additional day or days they will be open to pupils so that they still meet the requirement of being open to pupils for 190 days. Schools intending to alter the dates should consult staff, parents, and neighbouring schools before their dates are set by their governing board.

PUPILS' SCHOOL YEAR

2021 AUTUMN TERM				No of Days Open	2022 SPRING TERM				No of Days Open	2022 SUMMER TERM					No of Days Open	Total No of Days Open
Mid Term Holiday				71	Mid Term Holiday				58	Mid Term Holiday					61	
RE-OPEN	CLOSE	RE-OPEN	CLOSE		RE-OPEN	CLOSE	RE-OPEN	CLOSE		RE-OPEN	MAY DAY	CLOSE	RE-OPEN	CLOSE		
THURS 2 SEPT	FRI 22 OCT	MON 1 NOV	THURS 16 DEC		WED 5 JAN	FRI 11 FEB	MON 21 FEB	FRI 1 APR		WED 20 APR	MON 2 MAY	FRI 27 MAY	MON 6 JUNE	THURS 21 JUL		

Good Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Monday 18 April 2022

The school year for 2021/22 is based on the principles detailed below :-

- Starting the school year on a date as near as possible to, but not before, 1 September
- Equalising teaching and learning blocks
- Establishing a 2 week break in early April (subject to when Easter falls)
- Allowing for the possibility of a summer holiday of at least 6 weeks
- Allowing for a training day at the start of each term
- Minimising disruption to families with children attending schools across county boundaries.

Appendix B

The majority of cross-border pupil movements are with Lincolnshire. Apart from the training days, the dates above closely align with Lincolnshire's.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

2021/2022	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI		
AUG/SEPT 2021	30	31	1	2	3	TERM 1 34 DAYS	
	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17		
	20	21	22	23	24		
SEPT/OCT	27	28	29	30	1		
	4	5	6	7	8		
	11	12	13	14	15		
	18	19	20	21	22		
	25	26	27	28	29		
NOV	1	2	3	4	5		TERM 2 35 DAYS
	8	9	10	11	12		
	15	16	17	18	19		
	22	23	24	25	26		
NOV/DEC	29	30	1	2	3		
	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17		
	20	21	22	23	24		
DEC/JAN 2022	27	28	29	30	31		
	3	4	5	6	7	TERM 3 29 DAYS	
	10	11	12	13	14		
	17	18	19	20	21		
	24	25	26	27	28		
FEB	31	1	2	3	4		
	7	8	9	10	11		
	14	15	16	17	18		
	21	22	23	24	25		
MAR	28	1	2	3	4		
	7	8	9	10	11		TERM 4 29 DAYS
	14	15	16	17	18		
	21	22	23	24	25		
MAR/APR	28	29	30	31	1		
	4	5	6	7	8		
	11	12	13	14	15		
	18	19	20	21	22		
	25	26	27	28	29		
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	TERM 5 28 DAYS	
	9	10	11	12	13		
	16	17	18	19	20		
	23	24	25	26	27		
MAY/JUN	30	31	1	2	3		
	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17		
	20	21	22	23	24		
JUN/JUL	27	28	29	30	1		TERM 6 35 DAYS
	4	5	6	7	8		
	11	12	13	14	15		
	18	19	20	21	22		
KEY	BANK HOLIDAYS			SCHOOL DAYS		190 DAYS	

Bank Holiday Dates: 30th Aug 2021, 27th & 28th Dec 2021, 3rd Jan 2022, 15th & 18th Apr 2022, 2nd & 30th May 2022

Schools will need to identify 5 non-teaching training days from the calendar above, outside the school days
SUGGESTED TRAINING DATES (NOT GIVEN) Select up to five (or combine days & twilight sessions)
 1st, 2nd or 3rd September 2021, 22nd October 2021, 20th or 21st December 202 or 1st April 2022.

Schools should publish their term dates on the school website

Appendix C

These are LCC recommended dates and parents should check the school's own website to confirm the school's own term dates