

# Summary of the responses to the consultation for the proposed term dates for 2022/2023 for community and voluntary controlled schools

A consultation relating to the proposed term dates for 2022/2023 took place from 4 January 2021 to 12 February 2021

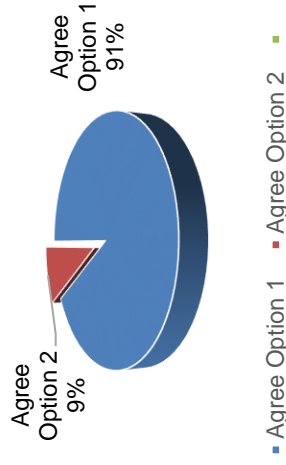
## On 4 January 2021 the following interested parties were notified of the consultation:

- All schools in Milton Keynes (via Schools Update)
- Local ward councillors (via Councillor News)
- School Governors (via Governor News)
- Constituency MPs
- Neighbouring local authorities
- CoE Diocesan Board of Education and NORES, Parish Centre Holy Ghost Catholic Church
- Trade unions

The consultation was also available on the council's website, alongside an electronic response form and respondents were asked to state whether they agreed with the term dates set out in Option 1 or Option 2.

## A total of 358 responses were received

**91% agreed with Option 1**  
**9% agreed with Option 2**



## Key themes in support of term dates set out in Option 1:

1. Term dates are aligned with the dates in neighbouring local authority areas, supporting families who have children in different phases of education, and staff who live in neighbouring areas and work in Milton Keynes
2. Prefer a shorter autumn term that ends at the end of a week, rather than having a term that ends mid-week

## Key themes in support of term dates set out in Option 2:

1. Term dates are more aligned with the dates being proposed by Buckinghamshire Council. This impacts positively on childcare arrangements for both staff and parents
2. Prefer to start the autumn term on a Monday rather than at the end of the week

## General themes raised during the consultation:

1. Consideration should be given to shorter terms for autumn and winter and longer terms for spring and summer terms
2. Parents that work in neighbouring local authority areas find it difficult to cover school holidays if dates are not aligned and causes confusion
3. There are childcare issues for teaching staff when dates are not aligned with neighbouring authorities

## Consultees that responded to the consultation were:

- 202 Parent/carers
- 142 Members of staff from Milton Keynes schools
- 12 School Governors
- 2 Local residents