

Consultation – School term dates 2022/2023

Background

School term and holiday dates are set by the council for our community and voluntary controlled schools and maintained nursery schools. Governing bodies set the term dates for foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools, free schools and academies. The total number of term days should be 190.

The mix of schools locally and in neighbouring authorities presents complexities, and means it is difficult to achieve a consistent set of dates which work for all parents and schools. In recognition of the complexities this consultation sets out two possible options for 2022/2023 term dates. We are keen to seek your views on what option you prefer most.

*Please note that whilst 190 days are required to be set the proposals below provide 194 days, therefore allowing schools to allocate four training days within these proposed dates, one further training day should be allocated during the school holiday dates.

Option 1

	Open morning of	Close at the end of the afternoon session on	Total days per half term
Autumn Term 2022	Friday 2 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022	36
	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022	35
Spring Term 2023	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023	29
	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	30
Summer Term 2023	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023	29
	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	35
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This option:

- is in line with the dates published by Bedford and Central Bedfordshire, and these were the preferred dates that Northamptonshire Council have recently consulted on.
- is favoured by Milton Keynes secondary schools, who would like to align term dates across our local area to support families who may have children in different phases of education or be employed in schools. Data shows a significant number of teachers across our local secondary schools live in the Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire areas.
- means that the Easter bank holiday weekend falls in the middle of the Easter break.

Option 2

	Open morning of	Close at the end of the afternoon session on	Total days per half term
Autumn Term 2022	Monday 5 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022	35
	Monday 31 October 2022	Tuesday 20 December 2022	37
Spring Term 2023	Wednesday 4 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023	28
	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	30
Summer Term 2023	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023	29
	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	35
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This option:

- aligns to the dates being proposed by Buckinghamshire Council
- is broadly similar to the dates proposed to Bedfordshire, Central Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire, with exception of the autumn term which stretches across 14.5 weeks rather than 14 weeks

Who decides term dates?

It is a political decision made by the Cabinet member for Children and Families. We are seeking your feedback on these proposed dates beforehand to ensure that they are suitable. A summary of the responses from this consultation will be included as part of the decision-making process.

Your views

To give us your comments and preferred option on Term Dates 2022/23 please either:

- complete our online form by 12 February 2021
- email: sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk

A calendar of proposed options is attached.