

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2015/2016 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The following groups/representatives were included in the consultation process;

4 Diocesan Authorities
Neighbouring Local Authorities
Trade Union Representative via the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC)
Headteachers of Secondary, Primary and Special Schools in Stockton
Principals of Academies within Stockton

RESPONSES RECEIVED

Diocesan Authorities

No responses received

Neighbouring Local Authorities

Middlesbrough - our schools elected for your option 1.

Redcar Cleveland - we have consulted and are going with dates that are the same as your option 1.

Darlington – Your options are the same as those Darlington LA is proposing and option 1 is the preferred option.

Durham - Durham would **not** favour option 2, which sees the Easter Bank Holidays divorced from the two week holiday break, as this would be unpopular with our schools and parents. Your option 1, which is the same as Durham's proposal, is the most favourable option from our perspective.

Northumberland – Your option 1, which is the same as Durham's proposal, is the most favourable option from our perspective. We tried your option 2 before and I spent all year responding to complaints from parents and schools.

Hartlepool – we have proposed the same dates as your option 1.

Joint Consultative Committee (JCC)

Following the JCC yesterday, the Trade Unions/Associations considered the two options and declined the opportunity to specifically show preference for a particular option. They asked that they would wish the dates to be aligned with neighbouring LAs wherever possible.

Schools

Hartburn Primary School - The option one with Easter linked is the best I believe.

Ingleby Mill Primary School - We would prefer option 1.

Hardwick Green Academy - The 8 week term at the start of the Autumn term is too long- me and my staff won't be looking forward to that one! However it is the same on both options! My preference for the 2 options put forward is option 1 as there is less disruption to learning having the bank holidays within the Easter break.

Pentland Primary School - I would suggest that option one is the most appropriate.

Thornaby Church of England Primary School - After consulting with my Senior Leaders we consider option 1 to be the best – it is less disruptive to children's learning and allows us more time after the holidays before SATs.

Fairfield Primary School - Option 1 would be strongly preferred as it gives children more teaching time before SATs.

Rosebrook Primary School - Option 1 seems to be the better option. It would be a shame not to connect to the Easter holiday at all!

Wolviston Primary School - Option 1.

Durham Lane Primary School - Option One is preferable (2 is too disruptive for the children).

Harewood Primary School - Option 1 is the preferred option to provide less disruption around the Easter Holiday time.

Layfield Primary School - I have consulted with my staff and only got one respond and so would say that we would favour option 1.

Egglescliffe CE Primary School - Re: school holiday consultation. I think Option 1 is preferable. If we went for Option 2, it would be an open invitation for parents to take the week off after Easter Sunday so attendance would drop dramatically on 29th March to 1st April. The short break would also be very disruptive to the rhythm of the school.

St Patrick's Catholic College - we have had a meeting and it has been decided that for St Patrick's Option 1 is the best choice for us as it is based on GCSE Exam Preparation which fits best with Option 1.

Bishopsgarth School - We discussed the two options at our SLT meeting tonight and the feeling was that we prefer Option One. Option Two was felt to be "too bitty" and the longer half term after Easter would allow secondary schools to do some real, focused revision and intervention for GCSE exams.