

**SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018  
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

***Neighbouring Local Authorities***

<i>Authority</i>	<i>2017/2018</i>
Redcar / Cleveland	Proposing the same Calendar
Middlesbrough	Proposing two Calendars <i>Option A</i> – Same calendar as Stockton on Tees <i>Option B</i> – the calendar for the Autumn and Spring terms are the same as Stockton’s proposed calendar. The summer term dates would be 9 April 2018 – 23 July 2018 with half term being two weeks in duration 18 May until 9 June
Hartlepool	Proposing the same Calendar
Darlington	Proposing the same Calendar
North Yorkshire	Proposing the same Calendar
Durham	Proposing the same Calendar
Sunderland	Proposing the same Calendar

***Joint Consultative Committee (JCC)***

At the JCC meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Trade Unions / Associations considered and approved the proposed calendar as it was in line with neighbouring authorities.

***Schools – Secondary***

*Bishopsgarth School Maths & Computing College* – Agreed with the proposed dates

***Maintained Schools – Primary***

*Priors Mill CE Primary School* – The proposal is fine by me.

*Billingham South Primary School* – I can’t see any problems with the proposed calendar

***Academies – Secondary***

No responses

***Academies - Primary***

*Hardwick Green Academy* - Can I ask why we are only considering one calendar, don’t we normally have 2 or three to consider? It seems a like Hobson’s Choice. Also I would like to point out that having a professional development day on the last day of the Summer term is of little use. The Professional Development Days are a valuable thing to teachers. It’s a chance to have great quality CPD, however, on the last day of term? I can’t imagine wanting to put in valuable and costly training that cannot be followed up/put into practice until 6 weeks later when we return.

***Response***

*Many thanks for your comments on the proposed school term and holiday dates for 2017/18. We have only proposed one calendar as this meets the guiding principles established by the Northern Local Authorities and are the same as our neighbouring LAs. With regard to PD Days we do not set any of these, the calendar covers 195 days from which schools can select their own 5 PD Days.*

I know the LA don’t set our PD Days but sometimes the way in which the calendar is set can leave odd days, which are difficult to manage other than using them for a PD Day. An example of this is where the end of summer term falls. The dates we break up, in this proposed calendar, means that schools would have to be open for just the Monday in the last week – it is unlikely parents will send their children in after the weekend for 1 day and therefore this forces schools to put a PD Day on that Monday.