

10 April 2013

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Education) – Councillor Kershaw

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Children, Learning and Young People

Ward(s) affected: All

Title: Determination of School Terms and Holidays 2014-2015

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report informs Cabinet Member of the outcome of the public consultation on the School Terms and Holidays dates for 2014/2015 and seeks Cabinet Member approval of the School Terms and Holidays Calendar for 2014/2015.

Under Section 32 of the Education Act 2002 in the case of a community, voluntary controlled or community special school or a maintained nursery school the Local Authority is required to determine the dates when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end and the Governing Body is required to determine the times of the school sessions.

In the case of Foundation, Voluntary Aided, Foundation Special Schools and Academies the Governing Bodies have the power to determine school terms and holidays dates.

A public consultation on the Coventry school terms and holidays dates 2014/2015 took place from 11 February 2013 to 11 March 2013. There were 160 valid replies to the consultation. The most popular of the four options available was Option 3. Details of the four options for School terms and holidays dates 2014/2015 can be seen on pages 4 and 5 of the Consultation Document, which is found in Appendix 1.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- (1) Consider the outcome of the public consultation on School Terms and Holidays and agree a calendar of School Terms and Holidays for 2014/2015.
- (2) Adopt Option 3 as the School Terms and Holidays programme 2014/2015 for Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools, and maintained Nursery Schools.
- (3) Invite the Catholic and Church of England Diocesan Authorities and the Governors of Trust Schools and Academies to recommend the same calendar for their schools.

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List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1: School Terms and Holidays 2013/2014 Consultation Document
Appendix 2: Examples of comments of respondents to the public consultation

Other useful background papers:

Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (for academic year length.)
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/attendance/a00221847/school-day-school-year>

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title:

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Under Section 32 of the Education Act 2002 in the case of a community, voluntary controlled or community special school or a maintained nursery school the Local Authority is required to determine the dates when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end, and the governing body is required to determine the times of the school sessions.
- 1.2 In the case of Foundation, Voluntary Aided, Foundation Special Schools and Academies Governing Bodies have the power to determine school terms and holidays dates.
- 1.3 The current Coventry Local Authority principles and protocols were taken into account when setting the 4 options for consideration:
 - a school year is 195 days, with 190 pupil days and 5 teacher days;
 - 1 teacher day is determined by the Local Authority and 4 days by individual schools;
 - statutory holidays are observed;
 - schools prefer, especially secondary schools, full weeks of teaching wherever possible;
 - schools prefer a full week break at half term and two full weeks at Easter and Christmas;
 - half term holidays are set at the same time as those of neighbouring Authorities if possible.
- 1.4 The half term holidays in 2014/15 consultation options have been set to the same dates as those of Warwickshire and the neighbouring West Midlands authorities. Leicestershire half term holidays are the same dates for the spring and summer terms.
- 1.5 Birmingham and Warwickshire will be recommending Saturday 28 March 2015 as their preferred option for the start date of the school Easter holiday. Solihull, Herefordshire and Leicestershire have set this date. Easter Sunday is the 05 April 2015, the middle weekend of the two weeks beginning on the 28 March. Options 1 and 2 in the Coventry public consultation offered the same start date for the school Easter holiday.
- 1.6 There were 160 valid replies to the public consultation, which took place from 11 February 2013 to 11 March 2011. The most popular overall of the 4 options available was Option 3 with Friday 3 March 2015 as the start date of the school Easter holiday.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The full details of the 4 options for School terms and holidays dates 2014/2015 can be seen in the Consultation Document found in Appendix 1
- 2.2 The protocols in para 1.3 were complied with in all four options in the public consultation.
- 2.3 In previous consultations head teachers and members of the public have expressed a preference for school holidays to be set at the same time as those of neighbouring Authorities. This helps families with links to local authorities other than Coventry, such as:
 - families where children go to school in Coventry, but a parent is employed in a school in another authority.
 - families where one child goes to school in Coventry and another child goes to school in another authority.

- families of Coventry school staff that have children at school in another authority.
- 2.4 In consideration of the above viewpoint the four consultation options had the same dates set for the Christmas holiday and half term holidays :
- 25 October 2014 to 2 November 2014, Autumn half term holiday;
 - 20 December 2014 to 4 January 2015, Christmas holiday;
 - 14 to 22 February 2015, Spring half term holiday
 - 23 to 31 May 2015. Summer half term holiday
- 2.5 These dates are the same as those preferred by Birmingham and Warwickshire and set by Solihull and Herefordshire. They also match the dates set by Leicestershire for their Christmas holiday and spring and summer half term holidays
- 2.6 Birmingham and Warwickshire will be recommending 28 March 2015 to 12 April as their preferred option for the school Easter holiday. Solihull and Leicestershire have set these dates. They are offered in Options 1 and 2 of the Coventry public consultation.
- 2.7 Teachers have expressed concern that pupils should have enough time in school after Easter to prepare properly for summer exams. They have also expressed a preference for equal term lengths. The table below shows the term lengths for each option offered in the consultation. Options 3 and 4 have a more equal term length than options 1 and 2.

Table 1: Term Lengths for Consultation Options

Term	Term length in days			
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Autumn	75	74	75	74
Spring	55	55	59	59
Summer	65	66	61	62
Total	195	195	195	195

Please note that these term lengths include the five teacher days.

- 2.8 Some schools prefer the week before Easter to be a teaching week, with the Friday before Easter Sunday as the first day of the school Easter holiday. Options 3 and 4 satisfy this preference .They also give more equal term lengths.
- 2.9 Options 1 and 2 comply with the preference for holidays being complete weeks (para 1.3) and align with the Birmingham and the Warwickshire preferred option for the school Easter holiday dates and the Solihull, Herefordshire and the Leicestershire set school Easter holiday dates.
- 2.10 Option 3 is recommended as the School Terms and Holidays calendar for 2013/2014 for Coventry Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools, and maintained Nursery Schools.as it received the most votes.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 The public consultation on the Coventry school terms and holidays dates 2014/2015 took place from 11 February 2012 to 9:00am, 11 March 2012. The Consultation Document was sent to Head teachers and Chairs of Governing bodies of Coventry's schools, Diocesan Boards of Education, FE Colleges, Trade Unions, Early Years Providers, Libraries and was also available on the Coventry City Council website, www.coventry.gov.uk, and Coventry Learning Gateway.

- 3.2 The consultation was publicised in the local media: newspapers and radio. It was also publicised on the Council's website and intranet and the Council's social media pages, Facebook and Twitter.
- 3.3 Replies were invited in writing, by email or by the online response form.
- 3.4 There were 160 valid responses to the consultation coming from 135 individuals, 21 organisations and 4 respondents who chose not to give this information.
- 3.5 The most popular choice was option 3 with 55 votes (34%) followed by option 1 with 48 votes (30%), option 4 with 42 votes (26%) and option 2 with 14 votes (9%).
- 3.6 The results can be seen in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Summary of Replies

Response Type	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Blank	Grand Total
On behalf of an organisation						
Coventry Diocesan Board of Education, Teaching Unions, Head teachers, teachers and other school employees, managers of early years settings.	3	0	10	8		21
As an individual						
Governors, head teachers, teachers, other school employees, parents, carers pupils, members of the public.	44	14	42	34	1	135
Unknown	1		3			4
Grand Total	48	14	55	42	1	160

A respondent with no option preference commented on teacher training days.

- 3.7 Ninety six of the respondents gave one or more reasons for their choice. These were grouped into broad categories and a summary can be seen in Table 3.
- 3.8 The most common reason, given in the comments of 26 respondents, was school planning. The next most common reasons were family and faith, both mentioned by 21 respondents. A preference for where Easter occurred in the Easter holiday was mentioned by 16 respondents.
- 3.9 Other common reasons given were a preference for the option academic year end day or start day, mentioned by 14 and 13 respondents respectively. Alignment with Warwickshire holidays and cheaper holidays were both mentioned by 10 respondents.

Table 3: Summary of Reasons for Choice

Option	Response	Preference for Easter in the Start or Middle of the Holiday	Preference for Option Academic Year Start Day	Preference for Option Academic Year End Day	School Planning	Family	Alignment with Warwickshire	Cheaper Holidays	Faith	Employer
Option 1	As an Individual	3	1	7	8	10	8	0	2	1
	On behalf of an organisation									
	Total Option 1	3	1	7	8	10	8	0	2	1
Option 2	As an Individual	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	2
	On behalf of an organisation									
	Total Option 2	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	2
Option 3	As an Individual	3	2	2	5	4	0	4	6	0
	On behalf of an organisation	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	6	0
	Unknown	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Total Option 3	4	4	2	8	6		5	12	1
Option 4	As an Individual	6	5	3	4	3	0	4	5	1
	On behalf of an organisation	1	2	0	4	1	0	1	1	0
	Total Option 4	7	7	3	8	4	0	5	6	1
All Options	Grand Total	16	13	14	26	21	10	10	21	5

3.10 Examples of comments can be seen in Appendix 2

3.11 Easter at the start of the Easter holiday was more popular with respondents than Easter in the middle, with Options 3 and 4 jointly receiving 97 votes compared to Options 1 and 2 jointly receiving 62 votes. Option 3 was more popular than Option 4 so Option 3 is recommended as the School Terms and Holidays calendar for 2014/2015 for Coventry Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools, and maintained Nursery Schools.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 When the cabinet member decision becomes effective schools will be informed of the approved school terms and holidays calendar for 2014/15. The approved calendar will also be displayed on the City Council website and Coventry Learning Gateway.

4.2 Catholic and Church of England Diocesan Authorities and the Governors of Trust Schools and Academies will be informed and invited to recommend the same calendar for their schools

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services

5.1 Financial implications
There are no financial implications.

5.2 Legal implications

Under Section 32 of the Education Act 2002 in the case of a community, voluntary controlled or community special school or a maintained nursery school the Local Authority is required to determine the dates when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end. The Governing Body is required to determine the times of the school sessions.

The Governing Body in the case of Foundation, Voluntary Aided, Foundation Special Schools and Academies are required to determine school terms and holidays dates.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

The Local Authority is required to determine the dates when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end for community, voluntary controlled or community special schools or maintained nursery schools.

Appropriate school term and holiday dates can increase attendance and aid curriculum planning so helping pupil achievement.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Current legislation on the number of teaching sessions has been complied with in all calendar options.

Trade unions were asked to consider the calendar options prior to the public consultation to ensure that the options were acceptable to their members.

The public consultation considered in this report has enabled various points of view from school staff and governors, parents and carers and pupils to be taken into account.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

Centrally employed staff on Teachers Pay and Conditions will have their holiday pattern determined by this consultation.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Whilst all the views of different groups are considered in setting term dates, Government legislation and the protocols given in paragraph 1.3 limit the flexibility of the dates for school terms and holidays.

Before the start of the public consultation on School Terms and Holidays 2014/15 Warwickshire and West Midlands local authorities and unions were consulted to find out if there were any issues they believed would affect setting the school term and holiday dates 2014/15. No specific equalities issues were identified through this process.

The public consultation on the Coventry school term and holiday dates 2014/2015 took place from 11 February 2013 to 9:00am, 11 March 2013. The consultation aimed to establish the views of governors, head teachers, teachers, parents and carers of pupils and other school employees.

The Consultation Document was sent to head teachers and Chairs of Governing bodies of Coventry's schools, Diocesan Boards of Education, FE Colleges, Trade Unions, Early Years Providers, Libraries and was also available on the Coventry City Council website,

www.coventry.gov.uk, and Coventry Learning Gateway. The public consultation was publicised in the local media and internet social media. The consultation document was available in other formats and languages on request.

The survey asked for comments from respondents to further inform the decision.

The data received mainly reflected the views of governors, teachers, and parents and carers of pupils and did not raise any equalities issues. The data will be examined further and it will be considered if any action needs to be taken before the next school terms and holidays consultation takes place.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

No impact

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

It is desirable to align school holidays with those of neighbouring local authorities to minimise the difficulties to families such as those where parents work or live in a different authority to that of the school attended by their children or where siblings attend schools in different authorities.

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Appendices

Appendix 1

Coventry Children, Learning and Young People's Directorate

School Terms and Holidays 2014/2015 Consultation

11 February 2013 to 11 March 2013

INTRODUCTION

The Local Authority is responsible for setting the dates on which the school terms and holidays will begin and end for community, voluntary controlled, community special and maintained nursery schools. The Governing Body of the school determines the times of the school day.

The Governing Bodies of Academies, Foundation/Trust and Voluntary Aided schools have the power to set the term and holiday dates for their own schools.

Coventry Local Authority is now seeking your views on the calendar options for the 2014/2015 academic year.

BACKGROUND

Coventry takes into account the following principles in setting calendars for school terms and holidays:

- a school year is 195 days, with 190 pupil days and five teacher days;
- One teacher day is determined by the Local Authority and four days by individual schools;
- statutory holidays are observed;
- schools prefer, especially secondary schools, full weeks of teaching wherever possible;
- schools prefer a full week break at half term and two full weeks at Easter and Christmas;
- half term holidays are set at the same time as those of neighbouring authorities if possible.



TEACHER DAYS

The Teacher Day is a work day for teachers, but not a pupil teaching day.

Schools need to ensure there are 190 pupil days set. One Teacher Day is set at the beginning of the academic year by the Local Authority, leaving four days to be set by the individual schools with regard to the agreed principles and protocols.

If a Community or Voluntary Controlled school decides to close to pupils on an election day then one of the remaining four Teacher Days must be used for this purpose. The same procedure is recommended for Foundation/Trust and Voluntary Aided schools and for Academies.

In 2015 the proposed date for the Coventry City Council (Local) election and Parliamentary (General) election is 7 May 2015.

OPTIONS FOR THE 2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

The School Terms and Holidays options have proposed half term holiday dates that synchronise with those proposed by other West Midlands Authorities and Warwickshire.

Easter Sunday is 5 April in the 2014/2015 academic year. Solihull will begin the school Easter holiday on Saturday 28 March 2015 and return to school on Monday 13 April 2015.

Until other West Midlands Authorities and Warwickshire have finished their own consultations their term and holiday dates are unknown.

Coventry City Council is asking for your preference for the start date of the academic year in 2014/15 and start date of the school Easter holiday in 2015. Four options are listed below.

Option 1

- The first day of the Academic Year is Monday, 1 September 2014 for teachers and Tuesday, 2 September for pupils.
- The Easter Holiday dates are Saturday, 28 March 2015 to Sunday, 12 April 2015. Easter Monday is in the middle of the school Easter holiday.
- The last day of the Academic Year is Monday, 20 July 2015 for teachers and pupils.

Option 2

- The first day of the Academic Year is Tuesday, 2 September 2014 for teachers and Wednesday, 3 September for pupils.
- The Easter Holiday dates are Saturday, 28 March 2015 to Sunday, 12 April 2015. Easter Monday is in the middle of the school Easter holiday.
- The last day of the Academic Year is Tuesday, 21 July 2015 for teachers and pupils.

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Option 3

- The first day of the Academic Year is Monday, 1 September 2014 for teachers and Tuesday, 2 September for pupils
- The Easter Holiday dates are Friday, 3 April 2015 to Sunday, 19 April 2015. Easter Monday is at the start of the school Easter holiday.
- The last day of the Academic Year is Tuesday, 21 July 2015 for teachers and pupils.

Option 4

- The first day of the Academic Year is Tuesday, 2 September 2014 for teachers and Wednesday, 3 September for pupils.
- The Easter Holiday dates are Friday, 3 April 2015 to Sunday, 19 April 2015. Easter Monday is at the start of the school Easter holiday.
- The last day of the Academic Year is Wednesday, 22 July 2015 for teachers and pupils.

These options are given in calendar format on pages 4 and 5.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

This consultation document is currently available for all to read and make their views known on the Coventry City Council website and also available to view on request at your local school.

Your views are important. Please make them known using one of the following:

the online feedback form on the Council's website by following the link

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolholidayandtermdates14-15>
or <http://www.coventry.gov.uk/consultations>

or completing the questionnaire on pages 6 and 7 and sending it to:

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**or e-mail to: margaret.halpin@coventry.gov.uk
using Term Dates 2014/15 in the message subject title**

PLEASE REPLY BEFORE 9:00AM MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013.

What Happens Next

The consultation period runs from Monday 11 February 2013 to 9:00am Monday 11 March 2013. All responses arriving during the consultation period will be collated and reported to Cabinet Member (Education), on 10 April 2013, for his decision.

Following the decision by the Cabinet Member (Education), the dates of the Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2014/15 will be available on the [School Term and Holiday](#) page of the Coventry City Council website

Coventry City Council School Terms and Holidays Options Option 1

July 2014							August 2014							September 2014							October 2014						
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Days:						
Autumn Term 1st Half	40					
Autumn Term 2nd Half	35					
Spring Term 1st Half	30					
Spring Term 2nd Half	25					
Summer Term 1st Half	29					
Summer Term 2nd Half	36					
Total	195					

Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Teacher Day
 Pupil Day

Half terms align with other West Midlands and Warwickshire Local Authority preferred options.
 Teachers return to school on 1 September 2014 and pupils return on 2 September 2014.
 Easter Sunday is in the middle of the Easter holiday. This is likely to be Warwickshire's preferred option
 The date for the next Local and General Election is currently set at 7 May 2015.

Option 2

July 2014							August 2014							September 2014							October 2014						
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Days:						
Autumn Term 1st Half	39					
Autumn Term 2nd Half	35					
Spring Term 1st Half	30					
Spring Term 2nd Half	25					
Summer Term 1st Half	29					
Summer Term 2nd Half	37					
Total	195					

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1) In what capacity are you responding (please tick one)?

- As an Individual
 On behalf of an Organisation

If you are replying on behalf of an organisation please could you give the name of the organisation.

2) Please tick the description that best fits you (select all that apply).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil, primary age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil, secondary age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Governors | <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil, sixth form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business employer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Union representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other school employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/carer | |

If you ticked Other, please provide details:

3) Please tick your preferred academic year option

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Option 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Option 4 |

4) **Additional Comments:**

A brief statement of the reason for your decision gives a better understanding of the priorities for schools and their users when term dates are set. Reasons might include curriculum planning, family holidays coinciding, culture or faith.

About you:

Please provide some information about yourself so that we can monitor which groups of people are taking part in the consultation. Please be advised that the information you provide will be stored on servers in the United States of America and SurveyMonkey gives an undertaking never to disclose the survey questions or your response to others without permission. All data will be held securely. You are under no obligation to complete this section of the survey if you do not wish to.

How old are you?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	55 – 64
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 - 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	65 – 74
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 - 34	<input type="checkbox"/>	75 – 84
<input type="checkbox"/>	35 - 44	<input type="checkbox"/>	85+
<input type="checkbox"/>	45 - 54	<input type="checkbox"/>	

What is your gender?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	Female

What is your ethnic background?

<input type="checkbox"/>	White - British (includes English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/ Asian British - Pakistani
<input type="checkbox"/>	White - Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/ Asian British - Bangladeshi
<input type="checkbox"/>	White - Gypsy/Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese
<input type="checkbox"/>	White - Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/ Asian British - Other
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/ Asian British - Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other ethnic group

What is your religion?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other religion

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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Please Return before 9:00am Monday 11 March 2013 to:

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**or e-mail to: margaret.halpin@coventry.gov.uk
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Appendix 2

Examples of Comments

Option 1 Comments

Coincides with likely Warwickshire holidays: preferable as a family. Gives 6 weeks after Easter: better balance of time, as teacher and parent. Gives 6 full weeks after Easter: exam preparation. Good Friday and Easter holiday included: as faith.

“Option 1 fits best with how I would plan the year for my staff and pupils”

I like the idea that the school year starts on a Monday, makes it easy to remember. I like Easter Monday being in the middle so it guarantees Maunday Thursday and Good Friday is a holiday which is good for Christians to attend their religious events.

Planning work and holidays around school term holidays

This option would maybe fit in better with families planning holidays for the start of the school holidays

I would like Coventry holiday dates to coincide with Warwickshire as my children go to Coventry schools and I work for Warwickshire as a teacher.

Planning family holidays away etc means starting holiday and school terms at the beginning of the week much easier. Mondays are preferred.

Exams start early May coursework has to be with exam boards normally by 10th May students need to be back to school well before these dates. The earlier we are back from easter the better.

It is likely to be in line with holiday dates for Warwickshire schools.

It is easier to co-ordinate childcare for full weeks - including holiday activities.

Early finish for school holiday in the summer

I would prefer to start the year with a whole week and start the summer holiday earlier, to give a person and their family an extra full week (minus 1 day) at the start of the holiday.

I think, as a teacher, it is better for the first week back to be a close to a full week as possible, because when it is not it can feel still like a holiday to the children and makes planning for the first week back more difficult.

Option 2 Comments

First week back middle of week. Easter falls in middle of holiday.

Planning around work commitments

Option 3 Comments

More even length of terms

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As a school employee who has to take holidays during school holidays, when Easter Monday is the first Monday of the holiday, family holidays are easier and less costly to book for the second week.

Easter is a little later allowing a good run up for teaching of syllabuses and therefore more useful revision for students--a lot of which takes place in the Easter Holidays. September the first is a snappy start to the school year and gives pupils a 4 day week which is better than 3 days when it comes to settling back in. As a church school, it is nice to be with pupils as they celebrate holy week.

This spreads out the half terms better.

I like Easter at the start of the holiday.

Better distribution of possible teaching days.

In order to facilitate work necessary for Financial Year End procedure.

When the holidays are not in-line with other authorities it is much easier for me to get annual leave as there are less people asking for the same dates. Easter has been one of the few holidays I have been able to easily get time off to spend with my family as the Warwickshire dates have been different.

Option 4 Comments

I believe these dates will best fit with my family and the local community.

Gives a better option for family holidays

More even term lengths, not long terms then some shorter ones.

I believe starting the summer term on the 2nd September is better for both pupils and staff.

Better weather for holidays in April! Having a 4 day start to the term (3 days for children) helps them to break in gently

The Easter holiday has one week where no bank holiday is included and therefore will be cheaper to plan a family holiday

This option, I believe, provides the best opportunity for people to prepare for the start of the academic year allowing the bank holiday in August to be taken into consideration before returning to school. I also believe that the Easter Holiday dates are better because it evens out the length between February half term and Easter; unlike this year in which there is only four weeks in the Warwickshire LA (I understand it is a week later in Coventry). Ending the academic year on a Wednesday as well allows the last three days to be taken more seriously than just returning for the Monday and Tuesday.

The delayed start in September (by one day) can be significant in terms of families returning from holidays - having pupils in from Wednesday does also allow for an additional teacher day set by the schools of the number that is required. The delayed start of the Easter holidays maximises teaching time before Easter and eases exam preparation for secondary age pupils. One week of teaching time before Easter is known to be worth at least 2 weeks after !! Additionally there is the possibility of a second week in which a family holiday can be taken at Easter (and this would be at reduced prices!)