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**Medway Council**

**Consultation on proposal for school term dates for the academic year 2024-25**

**20 September 2022 – 18 December 2022**

Introduction

This is Medway Council's consultation on 2024-25 school term and holiday dates. Medway Council produce guideline term dates in advance and consult with schools to gauge preferences.

We base our dates on the guidelines from the Local Government Association, and the recommendations from the South East Authorities. We consider feedback from previous years, especially on the timing of the Christmas and Easter breaks. We also look at Kent County Council’s published dates. The most important factors in producing dates are the implications on teaching and learning.

We are consulting on four options for the academic year 2024-2025.

The four sets of dates generally meet the published guidelines with some slight differences due to the way the calendar falls. Options 1 and 1a start the academic year on a Monday, and finish the year on a Tuesday, while Options 2 and 2a start on a Wednesday and end on a Thursday. Options 1 and 2 have the February half-term as the second week in February, while Option 1a and 2a have it as the third week. This gives a more even split between terms 3 and 4.

Kent County Council have not yet consulted on their term dates for 2024-25.

**Option 1 (calendar shown in appendix 1)**

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|  | **Start** | **Finish** | **Length** | **Notes** |
| Term 1 | Mon 2 Sep | Fri 18 Oct | 35 days | Differs from Option 2 |
| Autumn break 2024 | Mon 21 Oct | Fri 25 Oct | 5 days |  |
| Term 2 | Mon 28 Oct | Fri 20 Dec | 40 days |  |
| Christmas break 2024 | Mon 23 Dec | Fri 3 Jan | 10 days |  |
| Term 3 | Mon 6 Jan | Fri 7 Feb | 25 days |  |
| February Break 2025 | Mon 10 Feb | Fri 14 Feb | 5 days | Differs from Option 1a & 2a |
| Term 4 | Mon 17 Feb | Fri 4 Apr | 35 days |  |
| Easter break 2025 | Mon 7 Apr | Fri 18 Apr | 10 days |  |
| Term 5 | Tue 22 Apr | Fri 23 May | 23 days |  |
| Late spring break 2025 | Mon 26 May | Fri 30 May | 5 days |  |
| Term 6 | Mon 2 Jun | Tue 22 Jul | 37 days | Differs from Option 2 |
| Total |  |  | 195 days |  |

**Option 1a (calendar shown in appendix 2)**

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|  | **Start** | **Finish** | **Length** | **Notes** |
| Term 1 | Mon 2 Sep | Fri 18 Oct | 35 days | Differs from Option 2 |
| Autumn break 2024 | Mon 21 Oct | Fri 25 Oct | 5 days |  |
| Term 2 | Mon 28 Oct | Fri 20 Dec | 40 days |  |
| Christmas break 2024 | Mon 23 Dec | Fri 3 Jan | 10 days |  |
| Term 3 | Mon 6 Jan | Fri 14 Feb | 30 days |  |
| February Break 2025 | Mon 17 Feb | Fri 21 Feb | 5 days | Differs from Option 1 & 2 |
| Term 4 | Mon 24 Feb | Fri 4 Apr | 30 days |  |
| Easter break 2025 | Mon 7 Apr | Fri 18 Apr | 10 days |  |
| Term 5 | Tue 22 Apr | Fri 23 May | 23 days |  |
| Late spring break 2025 | Mon 26 May | Fri 30 May | 5 days |  |
| Term 6 | Mon 2 Jun | Tue 22 Jul | 37 days | Differs from Option 2 |
| Total |  |  | 195 days |  |

**Option 2 (calendar shown in appendix 3)**

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|  | **Start** | **Finish** | **Length** | **Notes** |
| Term 1 | Wed 4 Sep | Fri 18 Oct | 33 days | Differs from Option 1 |
| Autumn break 2024 | Mon 21 Oct | Fri 25 Oct | 5 days |  |
| Term 2 | Mon 28 Oct | Fri 20 Dec | 40 days |  |
| Christmas break 2024 | Mon 23 Dec | Fri 3 Jan | 10 days |  |
| Term 3 | Mon 6 Jan | Fri 7 Feb | 25 days |  |
| February Break 2025 | Mon 10 Feb | Fri 14 Feb | 5 days | Differs from Option 1a & 2a |
| Term 4 | Mon 17 Feb | Fri 4 Apr | 35 days |  |
| Easter break 2025 | Mon 7 Apr | Fri 18 Apr | 10 days |  |
| Term 5 | Tue 22 Apr | Fri 23 May | 23 days |  |
| Late spring break 2025 | Mon 26 May | Fri 30 May | 5 days |  |
| Term 6 | Mon 2 Jun | Thu 24 Jul | 39 days | Differs from Option 1 |
| Total |  |  | 195 days |  |

**Option 2a (calendar shown in appendix 4)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Start** | **Finish** | **Length** | **Notes** |
| Term 1 | Wed 4 Sep | Fri 18 Oct | 33 days | Differs from Option 1 |
| Autumn break 2024 | Mon 21 Oct | Fri 25 Oct | 5 days |  |
| Term 2 | Mon 28 Oct | Fri 20 Dec | 40 days |  |
| Christmas break 2024 | Mon 23 Dec | Fri 3 Jan | 10 days |  |
| Term 3 | Mon 6 Jan | Fri 14 Feb | 30 days |  |
| February Break 2025 | Mon 17 Feb | Fri 21 Feb | 5 days | Differs from Option 1 & 2 |
| Term 4 | Mon 24 Feb | Fri 4 Apr | 30 days |  |
| Easter break 2025 | Mon 7 Apr | Fri 18 Apr | 10 days |  |
| Term 5 | Tue 22 Apr | Fri 23 May | 23 days |  |
| Late spring break 2025 | Mon 26 May | Fri 30 May | 5 days |  |
| Term 6 | Mon 2 Jun | Thu 24 Jul | 39 days | Differs from Option 1 |
| Total |  |  | 195 days |  |

The suggested calendars are for 195 days in total. Pupils attend for 190 days, and schools choose five of the 195 as staff development days, when pupils do not attend.

As with previous years, we would like one combined response from each governing body and its associated school. Please respond using the response sheet at the end of this consultation document by 18 December 2022.

Responses will be collated at the end of the consultation period and the outcomes reported to the Director of People - Children and Adult Services for determination. Schools will be advised of the outcome, and the approved dates will be published on the Medway Council website during the spring of 2023.

Appendix 1 – Option 1 – 2024-25 Academic Year

Option 1 shown as a calendar

Appendix 2 – Option 1a – 2024-25 Academic Year

Option 1a shown as a calendar

Appendix 3 – Option 2 – 2024-25 Academic Year

Option 2 shown as a calendar

**Appendix 4 – Option 2a – 2024-25 Academic Year**

Option 2a shown as a calendar

Consultation on term and holiday dates for 2024-25

This consultation will close on 18 December 2022.

We are making this consultation available to all headteachers and governors for their views. However, we would like a single combined response from each governing body and its associated schools. If you do not like the suggested dates, please be positive about suggesting alternatives.

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|  | We prefer option 1 |
|  | We prefer option 1a |
|  | We prefer option 2 |
|  | We prefer option 2a |
|  | We are unhappy with the suggested dates and would like to propose the following alternative |
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Signed……………………………………………………Chair of Governors

Governing body/school……………………………………………………….

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