#### APPENDIX A



# Have your say about:

# School term and holiday dates from autumn 2022 to summer 2027



# Tell us how this might affect you.

Online: leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation

For general enquiries or comments about this consultation phone 0116 305 6324 or e-mail admissons@leics.gov.uk

Public consultation: Please submit your views by midnight on Sunday, July 18th 2021 This consultation aims to seek your views on proposals for term time patterns in Leicestershire for the following five academic years (from Autumn 2022 to Summer 2027).

#### Why does Leicestershire County Council get involved with this?

School term & holiday dates are determined by school employers. As Leicestershire County Council (LCC) is the employer for community, voluntary-controlled, and community special schools in Leicestershire, it determines the term dates for these settings. Following the Deregulation Act 2015 academies have the power to set their own term time dates.

Leicestershire County Council's school term dates are currently set until the end of the 2021-22 academic year.

# Do all community, voluntary-controlled, and community special schools in Leicestershire have to adopt the school term & holiday dates set by Leicestershire County Council?

In principle yes, but there is some flexibility to allow schools to amend term time patterns in-line with academies that have moved away from our patterns. In Leicestershire several secondary academies have partially moved away from our model. This can result in siblings in different schools having different term time patterns which causes difficulties with organising care arrangements and planning time off together as a family.

With this in mind, Leicestershire County Council has a recommended process that allows community schools to amend their term time patterns to fall in-line with the local secondary academy. The community school must request permission from the Director of LCC's Children & Family Services to amend their term patterns to align with the local academy's. The process should involve a short consultation, with parents, staff, unions, the LA, and other local schools to evidence to the Director that the change is to the benefit of local children and families.

### Who determines the INSET days?

INSET days are now responsibility of the Headteacher to set. Leicestershire County Council no longer proposes or set these days.

### What is Leicestershire's current school term pattern?

Traditionally, Leicestershire has always had a different school term pattern compared to surrounding areas and most other parts of the country. Compared to other areas, Leicestershire currently has:

- · An early autumn break (autumn half term holiday)
- · An early spring break (spring half term holiday)
- An early start to the summer holidays that follows the so-called traditional 'industrial July fortnight' pattern (where the summer break includes the last two working weeks of July)

#### Why consult?

To ensure schools and parents have sufficient notice about future school term dates, we now need to consult on term time patterns for the following five academic years (from Autumn 2022 to Summer 2027).

Previous consultations that included opportunities to align school terms with surrounding areas have confirmed Leicestershire's unique pattern is popular with the majority of parents. The pattern can however also cause issues for some parents and teachers, in particular when children in a single family attend schools with different term patterns or where teachers work at schools with different term patterns than those of the school attended by their children.

Leicestershire County Council therefore wants to consult parents, teachers and local residents on their preference: Should we maintain the current historic pattern of school term dates? Or align our school terms with other patterns in the region?

Working in partnership with us, Leicester City Council will be running a consultation on the city term patterns using an identical set of dates. This collaboration aims to improve outcomes for all those affected by the school term dates in the area.

#### The options in more detail

We have developed three different term times proposals for 2022 – 2027 that we welcome your feedback on. These three different proposals attempt to meet the range of different needs in the county. These needs include trying to reduce term time holidays by having early breaks and balancing the length of terms to try to reduce staff and student sickness. Overall, we aim to improve outcomes for Leicestershire children.

The three options proposed in this consultation are all based on the following key principles and aims.

#### Principles:

- The requirement to have 380 sessions (190 days) during a school year;
- To ensure school holidays take into consideration Christian religious dates to allow families to observe religious occasions such as Christmas and Easter;
- · Where possible, national bank holidays have been incorporated to be during school holidays;
- Where possible to try and aim for a summer-break of more than a minimum of three weeks;
- All options to continue to set the start of the summer break as close as to the traditional industrial July fortnight pattern to allow parents cheaper breaks.

#### Aims:

- · To offer a range of autumn half-term options;
- To offer a range of Easter break options;
- · To offer early Summer break options;
- To offer a pattern that provides a very balanced term length throughout the year compared to the current pattern;
- · To consider Leicestershire term times alongside neighbouring local authorities;

## The key differences between the three options are:

## Proposal 1

- . The existing traditional term time pattern
- Summer holiday is similar to the City and significantly earlier than the majority of schools nationally
- Spring Half Term Break is a week earlier than surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)
- · Autumn Half Term Break is a week earlier than surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)

# Proposal 2

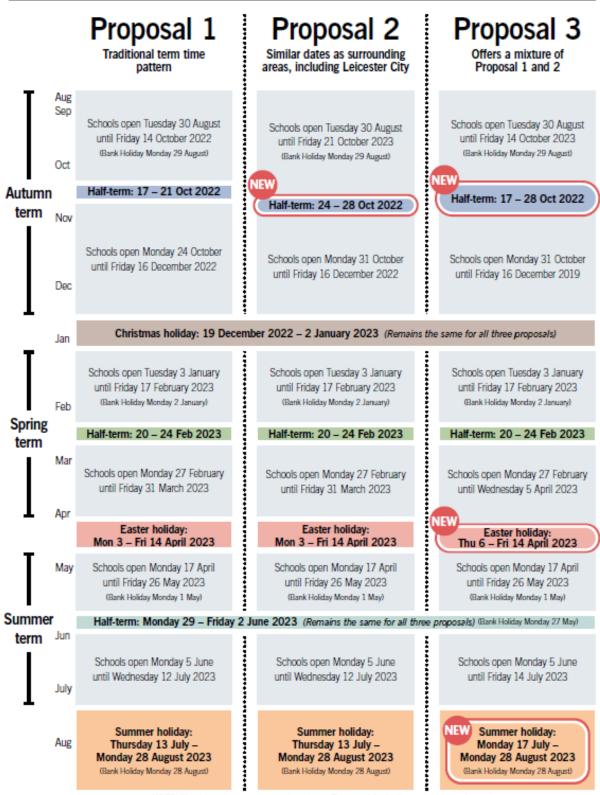
- Summer holiday at similar dates to the City and significantly earlier than the majority of schools nationally
- Spring Half Term Break is at a similar date to surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)
- · Autumn Half Term Break is at a similar date surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)

# Proposal 3

- · A mixture of Proposals 1 and 2 to achieve a balanced spread of holiday across the year
- Summer holiday is a few days later than the current pattern, keeping to similar dates to the City and significantly earlier than the majority of schools nationally
- Two-week Autumn half-term
- Shorter Easter break

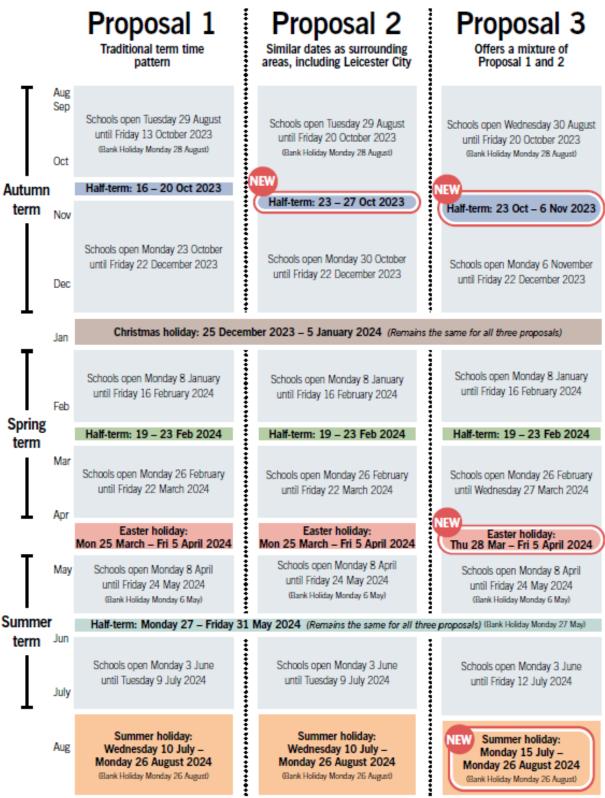
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PROPOSAL 1	Is Leicestershire's traditional Pattern     Offers early school holiday breaks to allow for cheaper breaks	Very long autumn term, compared to Spring and Summer terms  Not in harmony with others i.e. City schools
PROPOSAL 2	Autumn and Spring half term breaks in line with most other admitting authorities including Leicester City	Very long autumn term, compared to Spring and Summer terms
PROPOSAL 3	Two-week autumn half term break Shorter autumn term All terms more balance across the whole year	Shorter Easter break

# Proposals for academic year 2022/23



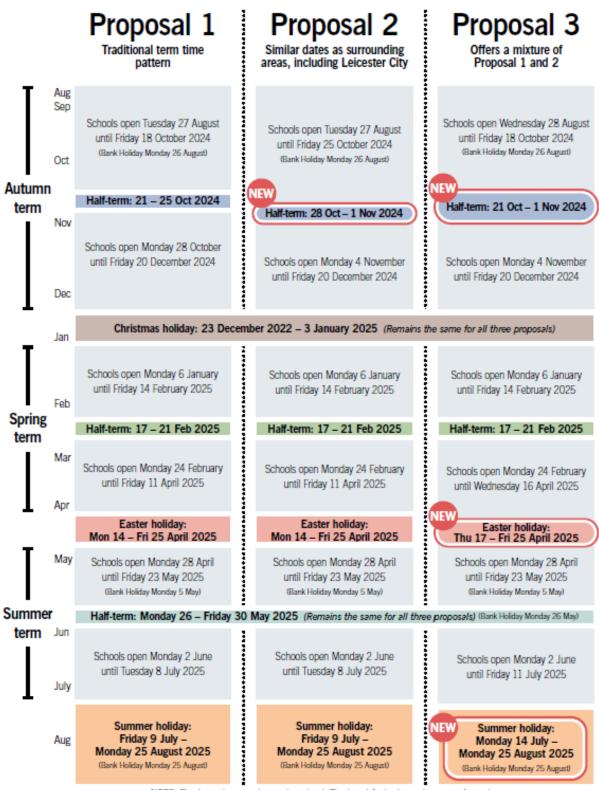
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# Proposals for academic year 2023/24



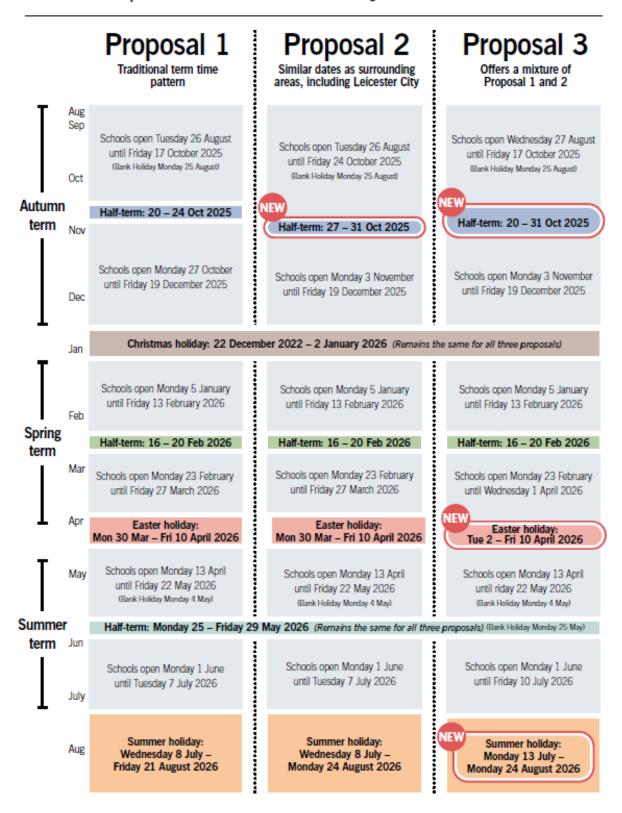
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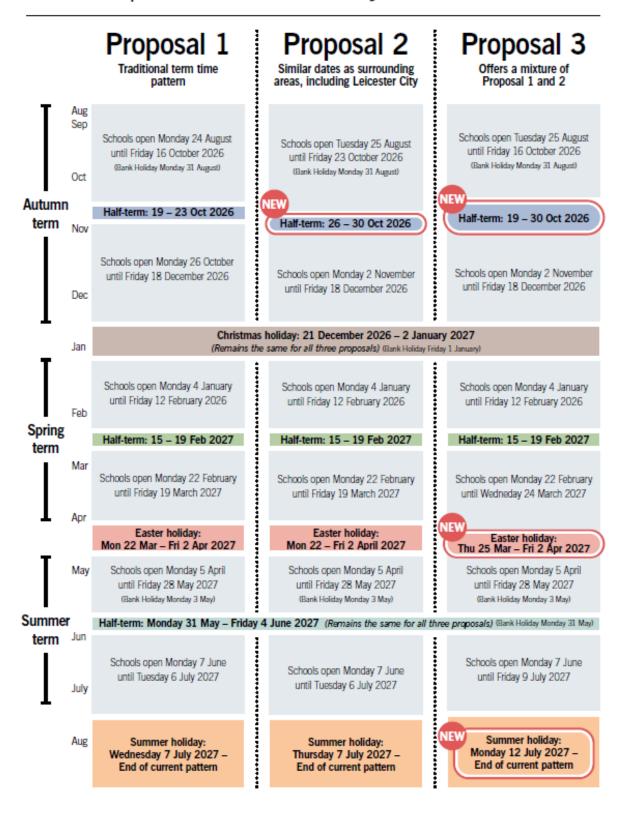


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# Proposals for academic year 2025/26



# Proposals for academic year 2026/27



# Days per term Summary

	PROPOSAL 1			PROPOSAL 2			PROPOSAL 3			
	HALF TERM		FULL TERM	HAI	ALF TERM FULL TERM		HALF TERM		FULL TERM	
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Autumn 2 Summer	3	34 days	Spring	3	34 days	Spring	3	34 days	Spring	
真真	4 25 days 59 days	59 days	4	25 days	59 days	4	28 days	62 days		
¥ w	5	29 days	Summer	5	29 days	Summer	5	29 days	Summer	
	6	28 days	57 days	6	28 days	57 days	6	30 days	59 days	
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Autumn 2023 Summer 2024	2	45 days	79 days	2	40 days	79 days	2	35 days	73 days	
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#### How the consultation will work

The consultation will run from Monday 24th May and ends at midnight on Sunday, 18th July 2021.

To submit your views, please fill out the consultation survey and make sure it reaches us by midnight on 18th July at the latest. The survey is available online at www.leicstershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation.

Paper copies of the survey are available on request by calling 0116 305 6324.

#### What happens next?

Following the consultation, we will consider all the responses received and a report, including a recommendation for a final proposed school term & holiday pattern will be taken to the council's Cabinet for their consideration in Autumn 2021.

The different proposals and your suggestions will be put to Cabinet later this year. The pattern that is decided upon by the Cabinet will come into effect from Autumn 2022.

The decision will be published on our school admissions pages

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions and on our consultation pages www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/previous-consultations

The Cabinet report will also be publicly available.

#### You can view the latest information in a number of ways

Visit us online at **leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation**Our web pages will be kept up-to-date with the latest information and developments. You'll also be able to access the survey here.

Send an email to admissions@leics.gov.uk to register for the latest news and updates.

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Alternatively, you can telephone **0116 305 6324** to ask for information in printed or alternative formats.

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