

**Item 7a****From County Councillors**

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**RE: Item 7 Cabinet Agenda 24 March 2026, LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL TERM DATES AUTUMN 2027 TO SUMMER 2032**

Dear Cabinet,

We write to you in regards of the above agenda item which you will be discussing at your next meeting.

We have had numerous contacts from parents and residents against ANY proposal to change the current summer term times in Leicestershire. Residents feel strongly that no changes should be made and that the Leicestershire 'July fortnight' be kept, with schools continuing to break up earlier than those in the rest of the country.

The main reason cited in the report for change is to balance out terms dates and some children may have differing term dates if they attend schools outside of the County. We are not certain that these two reasons outweigh the massive financial disadvantage that Leicestershire residents will immediately face if changes are made.

Overwhelmingly the feedback received is that residents prefer the status quo. The earlier break gives them the financial benefit of being able to take their families on holiday at an affordable time and when more holiday destinations are readily available. Any changes would mean additional financial costs and dwindling destination choices, something which we are sure Cabinet does not wish to burden Leicestershire residents with.

As there are only two years left of this authority in its current form, we would advise Cabinet concentrates its time and resources on the more pressing issues of local government re-organisation, social care, upgrading our highways and tackling the budgetary shortfall being faced by this council, it should not get distracted with issues that are not a priority for its residents.

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We are also certain that any new authority will reverse any changes proposed to school term dates as it will undoubtedly become a political and electoral matter for the 2027 shadow authority elections.

We would therefore urge Cabinet to not progress this paper any further.

Kind regards,

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