

# Have your Say about school term and holiday dates from autumn 2019 to summer 2022



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Public consultation: Please submit your views by midnight on  
**Monday 2 April 2018**

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

Leicestershire County Council is responsible for determining school term and holiday dates for community, voluntary-controlled, and community special schools in Leicestershire. Leicestershire County Council term dates are currently set until the end of the academic year 2018/19.

## **Does the county council set the school terms for all schools in Leicestershire?**

No. Academies, voluntary-aided and foundation special schools determine their own school terms. As of autumn 2014, academies, including free schools, have had the freedoms to set their own term time patterns. They are also required to consult and consider all views before doing so.

Leicester City Council has a similar role to the county council with regards to setting school term and holiday dates for schools in the city of Leicester.

Please note this consultation therefore only applies to term dates for community, voluntary-controlled, and community special schools in Leicestershire.

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

In principle, yes. However, 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. In 2016/17 several community schools requested permission to amend their term patterns to align with the local academies. This process involves the community school running a short consultation with parents, staff, unions, other local schools and the County Council and where possible to give all parties at least a year's notice of any subsequent agreed change. We are not proposing any changes to these flexibilities.

## Who determines the INSET days?

As part of teacher's statutory conditions of service, five days are required within term time for in-service training, known as INSET days. Leicestershire County Council traditionally set two fixed INSET days, but increasingly community schools write to request to alter INSET days to meet local needs and/or align themselves with other local academies. We are therefore proposing to allow the governing body of a school the responsibility for setting all five INSET days during the school calendar.

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

Leicestershire traditionally has 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 of the summer holiday 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 we can give schools and parents sufficient notice, we now need to consult on term time patterns for the following three academic years (2019/20; 2020/21 and 2021/22).

Previous consultations, that included opportunities to align school terms with surrounding areas have confirmed Leicestershire's unique pattern has been 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 businesses and residents on their preference: Should we maintain the current pattern or align school terms with surrounding areas?**

## The options in more detail

We have developed detailed term times proposals for 2019 – 2022 for all three options proposed. Please see below for more details. All options are based on the following key principles:

- The requirement to have 380 sessions (190 days) during a school year;
- As we are proposing that school governors will have discretion to determine all 5 INSET days during a school year, we have not included any proposed INSET days;
- In line with school holidays across the UK, Christian religious dates have been incorporated 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;
- To review the length of the autumn term when considering where autumn half-term falls;
- To consider Leicestershire term times alongside neighbouring local authorities;
- Where possible to try and aim for a summer-break of more than a minimum of three weeks;
- To continue to set the start of the summer break to follow the traditional industrial July fortnight pattern.

### All three options:

- **Include Christmas holiday, Easter holiday and summer half-term break at similar dates as surrounding areas, including Leicester city.**
- **Include the traditional early start of the summer holiday. This is similar to Leicester city, but earlier than all other neighbouring authorities.**

### The key differences between the three options are:

- **Option 1:**

This is the current Leicestershire pattern which includes an early autumn half-term break and an early spring half-term break.

- **Option 2:**

Based on Leicester City's term time pattern – with a later autumn half-term break but maintains an early spring half-term break.

- **Option 3:**

Based on an alternative term time pattern with a later autumn half-term break and spring half-term break.

# Options for academic year 2019/20

	<b>Option 1</b> The current Leicestershire pattern	<b>Option 2</b> The same as Leicester City Council pattern	<b>Option 3</b> Autumn half-term and spring half-term are one week later compared to Option 1
<b>Autumn term</b>	Aug Sep Schools open Tuesday 27 August until Friday 11 October 2019 (Suggested INSET days 27 & 28 August)	Schools open Tuesday 27 August until Friday 18 October 2019 (Suggested INSET days 27 & 28 August)	Schools open Tuesday 27 August until Friday 18 October 2019 (Suggested INSET days 27 & 28 August)
	<b>Half-term: 14 – 18 Oct 2019</b>	<b>NEW</b> <b>Half-term: 21 – 25 Oct 2019</b>	<b>NEW</b> <b>Half-term: 21 – 25 Oct 2019</b>
	Nov Schools open Monday 21 October until Friday 20 December 2019	Schools open Monday 28 October until Friday 20 December 2019	Schools open Monday 28 October until Friday 20 December 2019
Dec			
Jan	<b>Christmas holiday: 23 December 2019 – 3 January 2020</b> (Remains the same for all three options)		
<b>Spring term</b>	Feb Schools open Monday 6 January until Friday 14 February 2020 (Suggested INSET day 6 January)	Schools open Monday 6 January until Friday 14 February 2020 (Suggested INSET day 6 January)	Schools open Monday 6 January until Friday 21 February 2020 (Suggested INSET day 6 January)
	<b>Half-term: 17 – 21 Feb 2020</b>	<b>Half-term: 17 – 21 Feb 2020</b>	<b>NEW</b> <b>Half-term: 24 – 28 Feb 2020</b>
	Mar Schools open Monday 24 February until Friday 3 April 2020	Schools open Monday 24 February until Friday 3 April 2020	Schools open Monday 2 March until Friday 3 April 2020
Apr			
	<b>Easter holiday: Monday 6 – Friday 17 April 2020</b> (Remains the same for all three options)		
<b>Summer term</b>	May Schools open Monday 20 April until Friday 22 May 2020 (Bank Holiday Monday 4 May)	Schools open Monday 20 April until Friday 22 May 2020 (Bank Holiday Monday 4 May)	Schools open Monday 20 April until Friday 22 May 2020 (Bank Holiday Monday 4 May)
	<b>Half-term: Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2020</b> (Remains the same for all three options)		
	Jun Schools open Monday 1 June until Tuesday 14 July 2020 (Suggested INSET days 13 & 14 July)	Schools open Monday 1 June until Tuesday 14 July 2020 (Suggested INSET days 13 & 14 July)	Schools open Monday 1 June until Tuesday 14 July 2020 (Suggested INSET days 13 & 14 July)
July			
Aug	<b>Summer holiday: Wednesday 15 July – Friday 21 August 2020</b> (Remains the same for all three options) (Suggested INSET days 13 & 14 July)		

NOTE: Determining these INSET days would be the responsibility of individual schools.

# Options for academic year 2020/21

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<b>Autumn term</b>	Aug Sep Oct Suggested INSET days 24 & 25 August	Schools open Monday 24 August until Friday 16 October 2020 (Suggested INSET days 24 & 25 August)	Schools open Monday 24 August until Friday 16 October 2020 (Suggested INSET days 24 & 25 August)	
	Half-term: 19 – 23 Oct 2020	Half-term: 19 – 23 Oct 2020	<b>NEW</b> Half-term: 26 – 30 Oct 2020	
	Nov Dec	Schools open Monday 26 October until Friday 18 December 2020	Schools open Monday 26 October until Friday 18 December 2020	
	Schools open Monday 2 November until Friday 18 December 2020			
Jan	<b>Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 – Friday 1 January 2021</b> (Remains the same for all three options)			
<b>Spring term</b>	Feb Suggested INSET day 4 January	Schools open Monday 4 January until Friday 12 February 2021 (Suggested INSET day 4 January)	Schools open Monday 4 January until Friday 12 February 2021 (Suggested INSET day 4 January)	
	Half-term: 15 – 19 Feb 2021	Half-term: 15 – 19 Feb 2021	<b>NEW</b> Half-term: 22 – 26 Feb 2021	
	Mar Apr	Schools open Monday 22 February until Friday 26 March 2021	Schools open Monday 22 February until Friday 26 March 2021	
	<b>Easter holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2021</b> (Remains the same for all three options)			
<b>Summer term</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday 3 May	Schools open Monday 12 April until Friday 28 May 2021 (Bank Holiday Monday 3 May)	Schools open Monday 12 April until Friday 28 May 2021 (Bank Holiday Monday 3 May)	
	Jun	<b>Half-term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021</b> (Remains the same for all three options)		
	July Suggested INSET days 12 & 13 July	Schools open Monday 7 June until Tuesday 13 July 2021 (Suggested INSET days 12 & 13 July)	Schools open Monday 7 June until Tuesday 13 July 2021 (Suggested INSET days 12 & 13 July)	
Aug	<b>Summer holiday: Wednesday 14 July – Friday 20 August 2021</b> (Remains the same for all three options) (Suggested INSET days 12 & 13 July)			

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# Options for academic year 2021/22

	<b>Option 1</b> The current Leicestershire pattern	<b>Option 2</b> The same as Leicester City Council pattern	<b>Option 3</b> Autumn half-term and spring half-term are one week later compared to Option 1	
<b>Autumn term</b>	Aug Sep Oct Schools open Monday 23 August until Friday 15 October 2021 (Suggested INSET days 23 & 24 August)	Schools open Monday 23 August until Friday 15 October 2021 (Suggested INSET days 23 & 24 August)	Schools open Monday 23 August until Friday 22 October 2021 (Suggested INSET days 23 & 24 August)	
	<b>Half-term: 18 – 22 Oct 2021</b>	<b>Half-term: 18 – 22 Oct 2021</b>	<b>NEW Half-term: 25 – 29 Oct 2021</b>	
	Nov Schools open Monday 25 October until Monday 20 December 2021 (Suggested INSET day 20 December)	Schools open Monday 25 October until Monday 20 December 2021 (Suggested INSET day 20 December)	Schools open Monday 1 November until Friday 17 December 2022	
	Dec			
<b>Christmas holiday: Tuesday 21 December 2021 – Monday 3 January 2022</b> (Remains the same for all three options) (Suggested INSET day 20 December)				
<b>Spring term</b>	Jan Schools open Tuesday 4 January until Friday 11 February 2022	Schools open Tuesday 4 January until Friday 18 February 2022	Schools open Tuesday 4 January until Friday 18 February 2022	
	<b>Half-term: 14 – 18 Feb 2022</b>	<b>NEW Half-term: 21 – 25 Feb 2022</b>	<b>NEW Half-term: 21 – 25 Feb 2022</b>	
	Mar Schools open Monday 21 February until Friday 8 April 2022	Schools open Monday 28 February until Friday 8 April 2022	Schools open Monday 28 February until Friday 8 April 2022	
<b>Easter holiday: Monday 11 – Friday 22 April 2022</b> (Remains the same for all three options)				
<b>Summer term</b>	May Schools open Monday 25 April until Friday 27 May 2022 (Bank Holiday Monday 2 May)	Schools open Monday 25 April until Friday 27 May 2022 (Bank Holiday Monday 2 May)	Schools open Monday 25 April until Friday 27 May 2022 (Bank Holiday Monday 2 May)	
	<b>Half-term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022</b> (Remains the same for all three options)			
	Jun Schools open Monday 6 June until Tuesday 12 July 2022 (Suggested INSET days 11 & 12 July)	Schools open Monday 6 June until Tuesday 12 July 2022 (Suggested INSET days 11 & 12 July)	Schools open Monday 6 June until Tuesday 12 July 2022 (Suggested INSET days 11 & 12 July)	
Jul				
Aug	<b>Summer holiday starts Wednesday 13 July 2022</b> (Suggested INSET days 11 & 12 July)			

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## **How the consultation will work**

The consultation will run from Monday 5 February and ends at midnight on Monday 2 April 2018.

To submit your views, please fill out the consultation survey and make sure it reaches us by midnight on Monday 2 April 2018 at the latest. The survey is available online at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-time-consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-time-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. A report, including a recommendation for a final proposed school term and holiday pattern, will be taken to the council's Cabinet for their consideration in spring 2018.

If Cabinet decide to progress with the proposal, the determined term time pattern will then be published on [www.leicestershire.gov.uk](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk) in late spring 2018, and will come into effect from autumn 2019.



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

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