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FAO The Chair of Governors and Headteachers
ALL Schools in Darlington

Date: 29th April 2021
Please ask for: Paul Richardson
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Dear Chair and Headteacher

Proposed School Term Dates for 2023-2024

Please find enclosed the proposed school term dates for Darlington schools for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

The paper contains the detailed proposals of the consultation, plus an option for those schools that currently have the powers (and wish to) set their own alternative dates. Appendix 1 of the paper contains the detailed calendar of dates proposed and Appendix 2 contains the proforma that Headteachers and/or Chairs should complete to record their preference and return to me by close of business by **Friday 2nd July 2021.**

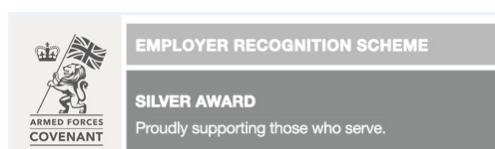
Governing bodies of Voluntary Aided, Free Schools and Academies have the power to set their own term dates, but are encouraged to follow, as far as possible those agreed by the community schools. This will provide continuity for parents and carers, other schools and Colleges, Local Authority staff and schools in other Local Authorities and the term dates in the consultation are therefore proposed for your consideration.

In the event that your school wishes to adopt different term dates in 2023-2024 from those detailed in the consultation, please append your preferred dates to the proforma in Appendix 2.

The term dates model with the most preferences from those returned by the deadline date will be submitted for approval by Cabinet and once approved the Darlington term dates for 2023-2024 will then be published on the Council's website for use by parents, the public and interested parties alike (<http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/school-holiday-dates/>).

I am aware that not all Governing Bodies will hold a meeting prior to the closure of the consultation period and would therefore request that this matter be considered separately by the Chair and Headteacher and a return then made from each School by the deadline date.

In the event of any queries around this consultation, please contact me by return e-mail at paul.richardson@darlington.gov.uk.



I look forward to hearing from you in due course and in any event by **Friday 2nd July 2021**.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Richardson', written in a cursive style.

Paul Richardson
Head of Skills and Employability