

## Results of the Consultation on the Proposed School Calendar for 2024/25

### 1. Background

1.1 The Local Authority is responsible for setting the school calendar for Community and Voluntary Aided Schools. The consultation took place between 12 January and 24 February 2023 and took place with:

- Parents & Carers (Via Schools)
- Headteachers
- Governors
- Neighbouring Authorities
- Other stakeholders

The proposed arrangements and consultation arrangements were also posted on the Council's website.

### 2. Number of responses

2.1 A total of 4 responses were received from the following stakeholders:

- 3 School in favour of the proposed calendar
- 1 School was against the proposed calendar
- 0 Other stakeholders were in favour of the proposed calendar
- 0 Other stakeholders were against the proposed calendar.

#### 2.2 School Responses in Favour

2.2.1 There were 2 secondary and 1 primary school response in favour of the proposed calendar.

#### 2.3 School Responses Against

2.3.1 There was one response that preferred a different Easter break.

"I've looked at the 2024-25 calendar and see that Easter is late. It is awkward for timetabling and curriculum planning to have the Easter weekend separate from the Easter Holidays and would prefer the holidays to be a week later i.e. 7-21 April, so that the weekend is part of the Easter holidays. I know it may not change, but that's my feedback.

Helen Haynes, Headteacher, Carterknowle Junior School"

## LA Response

Moving the Easter break to the following week would mean that the statutory bank holidays on 18 and 21 April were included in the break with schools returning on 22 April. This would not however support the principle of fixing the break at the first two weeks of April. It would also mean that Sheffield would operate a different Easter break to Barnsley and Doncaster. It would however be the same as Derbyshire and Barnsley.