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Agreement reached on standard school year

NASUWT and the **Local Government Association** have today announced a new agreement to work together to encourage local authorities to follow set principles when implementing the Standard School Year.

Commenting on the joint agreement, **Chris Keates, Acting General Secretary of NASUWT** (the union representing 223,500 serving teachers), said:

"As a result of positive and constructive talks with the LGA an agreement has been reached which should bring an end to the chaos, confusion and confrontation generated in many parts of the country by LEAs pursuing a wide variety of different patterns of term dates.

"For NASUWT, the most significant and important aspect of the agreement is the commitment by the LGA to support NASUWT in preventing teachers' holidays from being eroded by the encroachment of the five teacher days.

"NASUWT is currently in dispute with a number of LEAs over their term date proposals. If these LEAs now revert to the model we have agreed with the LGA then disputes will be resolved."

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Note to editors:
A copy of the joint statement and calendar of dates is attached.