

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 November 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	School Holiday Dates for Sessions 2019/2020 and 2020/2021
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise on the proposed dates for school holidays in South Lanarkshire for sessions 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 following a consultation with stakeholders.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the proposed dates for school holidays in South Lanarkshire for sessions 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. Children are required to attend school for 190 days with teachers working 195 days, five of which are deemed in-service days.
- 3.2. The school holiday dates normally fall within 3 terms and take account of national/ local public holiday dates.
- Term 1 - from the beginning of the school year in August until Christmas
 - Term 2 - from the new year through until the spring break *
 - Term 3 - from after the spring break until the end of the school year in June
- 3.3. In 2019/2020*, Good Friday (10 April) and Easter Monday (13 April) and in 2020/2021, Good Friday (2 April) and Easter Monday (5 April) 2021, those dates all fall within the Spring break which takes place in the first two weeks in April.
- 3.4. Views were sought from a range of stakeholders on the proposed school holiday dates for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, including neighbouring local authorities and those in the West Partnership, to try and achieve, where possible, a common pattern of school holiday dates for the benefit of parents and schools.
- 3.5. Arrangements were made also to consult with establishments, Parent Councils and employees through the Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee (JNCC) for teachers and the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for Administrative, Professional, Technical and Local Government employees.

4. Consultation Outcome

- 4.1. The outcome of the consultation with establishments, parents, Parent Councils and other stakeholders resulted in 1,574 responses being made compared to 586 responses to the last consultation. The outcome to this particular part of the consultation, is as follows:

School Holiday Dates 2019/2020 and 2020/2021	2019/2020		2020/2021	
Total number of responses	1574			
The consultation asked do you agree with the proposed school holiday dates for:-	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
Term 1 (August – Christmas)	79%	21%	80%	20%
Term 2 (New Year – Spring Break)	85%	15%	85%	15%
Term 3 (Spring Break – June)	89%	11%	87%	13%
The JNCC for teachers and the JCC for APT&C employees agreed with the proposed dates for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.				

The Council's consultation used social media to reach out to stakeholders to invite them to give their views. School holiday dates evoke a variety of opinions and views.

It should be noted that there has been no change to the holidays which teachers receive or the number of days children attend school over the years but there is a public perception that they have.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. Taking into account the views and comments from the consultation, it is now proposed that the Christmas Holiday 2019 closing date be Friday, 20 December 2019 and the closing date for summer be Wednesday, 24 June 2020.
- 5.2. Of the stakeholders consulted, the majority agreed with the proposed holiday dates. It is proposed, therefore, that the pattern for the school holidays for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 sessions, as highlighted in Appendix 1, be adopted. The arrangements set out are generally in line with neighbouring authorities.
- 5.3. Teachers will return to two in-service days, Tuesday 11 August 2020 and Wednesday 12 August 2020 with pupils returning on Thursday 13 August 2020. In 2020/2021, the proposal is to begin the new term with two in-service days on Tuesday 10 August 2021 and Wednesday 11 August 2021, with pupils returning on Thursday 12 August 2021. The remaining 3 in-service days are agreed locally following consultation with schools and trades unions.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no significant risk implications in terms of the information contained within this report.
- 8.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. Consultation has taken place with a range of stakeholders, including the Trades Unions and Parent Councils.

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5 November 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/ Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational

Previous References

Education Resources Committee – 5 September 2017

List of Background Papers

- Responses from Consultation Exercise

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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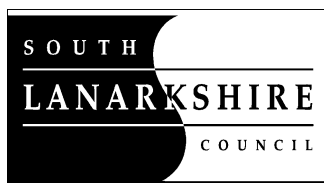
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School holiday Dates Session 2019/2020

Break	Holiday dates		
First Term	<i>Teachers In-service</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>13 August 2019</i>
	<i>In-service day</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>14 August 2019</i>
	Pupils return	Thursday	15 August 2019
September Weekend	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	26 September 2019 1 October 2019
October Break	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	11 October 2019 21 October 2019
	<i>In-service day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>18 November 2019</i>
Christmas	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	20 December 2019 6 January 2020
Second Term			
February break	Close on Closed on	Friday Monday and Tuesday	7 February 2020 10 February 2020 11 February 2020
	<i>In-service day</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12 February 2020</i>
Spring break/Easter	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	3 April 2020 20 April 2020
Third Term			
Local Holiday	Closed	Monday	4 May 2020
	<i>In-service day</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5 May 2020</i>
Local Holiday	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	21 May 2020 26 May 2020
Summer break	Close on	Wednesday	24 June 2020
Proposed in-service days	Tuesday 11 August 2020 and Wednesday 12 August 2020 Pupils return Thursday 13 August 2020		

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- ◆ Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2 (Friday 20 December 2019 and Friday 3 April 2020)
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Second Term			
February break	Close on Closed on	Friday Monday and Tuesday	5 February 2021 8 February 2021 9 February 2021
	<i>In-service day</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10 February 2021</i>
Spring break/Easter	Close on Re-open	Thursday Monday	1 April 2021 19 April 2021
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Local Holiday	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	20 May 2021 25 May 2021
Summer break	Close on	Thursday	24 June 2021
Proposed in-service days	Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 August 2021 Pupils return Thursday 12 August 2021		

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- ◆ Good Friday falls on Friday, 2 April 2021
- ◆ *Lanark schools will close Thursday, 10 June 2021 and Friday, 11 June 2021*
- ◆ Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2 (Tuesday, 22 December 2020 and Thursday, 1 April 2021)
- ◆ Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 Thursday, 24 June 2021.