

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 October 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	School Holiday Dates for Sessions 2021/2022
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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 2021/2022 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 2021/2022, 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 2021/2022, Good Friday (15 April 2022) and Easter Monday (18 April 2022) 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 2021/2022, 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 1,940 responses being made compared to 1,574 responses to the last consultation. The outcome to this part of the consultation, is as follows:

School Holiday Dates 2021/2022		
Total number of responses	1940	
The consultation asked do you agree with the proposed school holiday dates for: -	Agree	Disagree
Term 1 (August – Christmas)	86%	14%
Term 2 (New Year – Spring Break)	90%	10%
Term 3 (Spring Break – June)	94%	6%
The JNCC for teachers and the JCC for APT&C employees agreed with the proposed dates for 2021/2022.		

Our consultation used social media to reach out to stakeholders to invite them to give their views. School holiday dates evokes a variety of opinions and views.

It should be noted that there has been no change to the holidays which teachers receive with pupils returning this year on 12 August 2020 and teachers on the 11 August 2020 and it remains 5 in-service days and 190 days attendance for pupils.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. Taking account of the views and comments from the consultation, it is now proposed that the two in-service in August will now be Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 August 2021 with pupils returning on Monday, 16 August 2021.
- 5.2. Taking account of the views and comments from the consultation, it is now proposed that the Christmas Holiday 2021 closing date be Wednesday, 22 December 2021 and the closing date for summer be Friday, 24 June 2022.
- 5.3. Of the stakeholders consulted, the majority agreed with the proposed holiday dates. It is proposed, therefore, that the pattern for the school holidays for 2021/2022 sessions, as highlighted in Appendix 1, be adopted. The arrangements set out are generally in line with neighbouring authorities.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no significant risk implications in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Consultation has taken place with a range of stakeholders, including the Trades Unions and Parent Councils.

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5 October 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- Raise educational achievement and attainment

Previous References

Education Resources Committee – 27 November 2018

List of Background Papers

- Responses from Consultation Exercise

Contact for Further Information

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School holiday Dates Session 2021/2022

Break	Holiday dates		
First Term	Teachers In-service	Thursday	12 August 2021
	In-service day	Friday	13 August 2021
	Pupils return	Monday	16 August 2021
September Weekend	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	23 September 2021 28 September 2021
October Break	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	8 October 2021 18 October 2021
	In-service day	Monday	15 November 2021
Christmas	Close on Re-open	Wednesday Wednesday	22 December 2021 5 January 2022
Second Term			
February break	Close on Closed on	Friday Monday and Tuesday	11 February 2022 14 February 2022 15 February 2022
	In-service day	Wednesday	16 February 2022
Spring break/Easter	Close on Re-open	Friday Tuesday	1 April 2022 19 April 2022
Third Term			
Local Holiday	Closed Re-open	Monday Tuesday	2 May 2022 3 May 2022
	In-service day	Thursday	5 May 2022
Local Holiday	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	26 May 2022 31 May 2022
Summer break	Close on	Friday	24 June 2022
Proposed in-service days	August dates to be confirmed		

Notes

- ◆ Good Friday falls on Friday, 15 April 2022
- ◆ Lanark schools will close Thursday, 9 June 2022 and Friday, 10 June 2022
- ◆ Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2 (Wednesday, 22 December 2021 and Friday, 1 April 2022)
- ◆ Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 - Friday, 24 June 2022
*Two in-service days proposed for August 2022 to be confirmed.