

# Report

Report to:	<b>Education Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 November 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Education Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>School Holiday Dates for Session 2022/2023</b>
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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 session 2022/2023 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 and in-service days in South Lanarkshire for session 2022/2023, 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 2022/2023,\* the Good Friday (2 April) and Easter Monday (5 April) holiday dates 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 and in-service days for 2022/2023, including neighbouring local authorities, to try and achieve, where possible, a common pattern of school holiday dates across Lanarkshire 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 consultation with establishments, parents, Parent Councils and other stakeholders resulted in 2203 responses being made. The outcome of the consultation, is as follows:-

<b>School Holiday Dates 2022/2023 and in-service days 2022/2023</b>		
Total number of responses	2203	
The consultation asked do you agree with the proposed school holiday dates for:-	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Term 1 (August – Christmas)	(79%)	(21%)
Term 2 (New Year – Spring Break)	(86%)	(14%)
Term 3 (Spring Break – June)	(88%)	(12%)
The JNCC for teachers and the JCC for APT&C employees agreed with the proposed dates for 2022/2023.		

## **5. Proposal**

- 5.1. Of the stakeholders consulted, the majority agreed with the proposed holiday dates. It is proposed, therefore, that the pattern for the school holidays and in-service days for the 2022/2023 session, 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 environmental 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. An equality impact assessment has been carried out on the recommendations contained in the report and, where issues were identified, remedial action has been taken. The assessment is that the proposals do not have any adverse impact on any part of the community covered by equalities legislation, or on community relations, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council website.
- 10.2. Consultation has taken place with a range of stakeholders, including the Trades Unions and Parent Councils.

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**Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Ambitions**

- Raise Educational Attainment for All

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 27 October 2020

### **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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## Education Resources

### Proposed

### School holiday Dates Session 2022/2023

Break	Holiday dates		
<b>First Term</b>	<b><i>Teachers In-service</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>15 August 2022</i></b>
	<b><i>In-service day</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>16 August 2022</i></b>
	Pupils return	Wednesday	17 August 2022
September Weekend	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	22 September 2022 27 September 2022
October Break	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	14 October 2022 24 October 2022
	<b><i>In-service day</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>14 November 2022</i></b>
Christmas	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	23 December 2022 9 January 2023
<b>Second Term</b>			
February break	Close on Closed on	Friday Monday and Tuesday	10 February 2023 13 February 2023 14 February 2023
	<b><i>In-service day</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>15 February 2023</i></b>
Spring break/Easter	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	31 March 2023 17 April 2023
<b>Third Term</b>			
Local Holiday	Closed	Monday	1 May 2023
	<b><i>In-service day</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>2 May 2023</i></b>
Local Holiday	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	25 May 2023 30 May 2023
Summer break	Close on	Tuesday	27 June 2023
Proposed in-service days	Monday 14 August 2023 Tuesday 15 August 2023		

#### Notes

- ◆ Good Friday falls on Friday, 6 April 2023
  - ◆ *Lanark schools will close Thursday, 8 June 2023 and Friday, 9 June 2023*
  - ◆ Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2 (Friday, 23 December 2023 and Friday, 31 March 2023)
  - ◆ Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 Tuesday, 27 June 2023)
- \*Two in-service days proposed for August 2022 to be confirmed.