

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 23 FEBRUARY 2011

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2012/2013

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek approval to consult with educational establishments, Parent Councils, the Chambers of Commerce, Churches and the teachers' unions on the enclosed proposals.

2. BACKGROUND - PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The proposals in the appendices to this paper reflect the patterns which have been accepted in previous years and are likely to meet with greatest acceptance from parents, teachers and other interested parties. The spring break is fixed as the first full 2 weeks in April as per the agreement of the Education Committee on 25 May 2004.
- 2.2 The five in-service training days have been included. It is proposed to continue with two of these days being in February.
- 2.3 The five local holidays have been included. These are consistent, as far as possible, with local holidays in neighbouring authorities.
- 2.4 In addition, the Scottish Ministers have requested that councils try to achieve some consistency in school holiday arrangements across local authorities and as a result East Ayrshire has been in consultation with authorities elsewhere in the West of Scotland.
- 2.5 The dates proposed in each appendix vary as follows:

Christmas

Both Appendices propose that schools close on Friday 21 December 2012 and re-open on Monday 7 January 2013.

February Mid Term

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Thursday 7 February 2013 and re-open on Tuesday 12 February 2013.

Appendix II proposes schools close on Friday 8 February 2013 and re-open on Thursday 14 February 2013. Since there are two in-service days in February pupils will return to school on Monday 18 February 2013. To enable

pupils to have a full week off in February which has been popular in recent years it has been necessary to move the local holiday from 24 May 2013 to Tuesday 12 February 2013.

Easter

Schools close Thursday 28 March 2013 and re-open Monday 15 April 2013 an in-service day.

Final Day of Term:

Both Appendices propose that schools close on Friday 28 June 2013.

Start of New Session

Both Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Friday 16 August 2013.

- 2.6** A comparison of the school holidays proposed for North Ayrshire Council and Glasgow City Council are attached as Appendix 3. South Ayrshire Council has not agreed proposals at the moment.

3. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLAN/RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** Nil

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (i) agree that this document is issued for consultation;
- (ii) request that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services produce a further report outlining the results of the consultation process; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

AS/JS/JH
9 February 2011

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools (01563) 556126 or Janice Shaw, HR Manager (Schools), (01563) 578114.

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East Ayrshire Council
Department of Educational and Social Services
School Holidays and In-Service Dates 2012/2013

Term	Dates	Main Holidays	Local Holidays	Working Days (Teachers)	In-Service Days	
First	Teachers return	Wednesday 15 August 2012			1	
	Pupils return	Thursday 16 August 2012				
	Local Holiday	Friday 14 September 2012		2		
	Local Holiday	Monday 17 September 2012				
	October Holiday	Monday 15 October 2012 to Friday 19 October 2012	5			
	Re-Open In-Service Day	Monday 22 October 2012			1	
	Pupils Return	Tuesday 23 October 2012				
	Christmas/ New Year Holiday	Monday 24 December 2012 To Friday 4 January 2013	10		86	
	Second	Teachers/ pupils return	Monday 7 January 2013			
		Holiday	Friday 8 February 2013	1		
Local Holiday		Monday 11 February 2013		1		
In-Service Day		Tuesday 12 February 2013			2	
In-Service Day		Wednesday 13 February 2013				
Pupils Return		Thursday 14 February 2013				
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 March 2013 to Friday 12 April 2013	11		143		
Third	Re-open/In-Service Day	Monday 15 April 2013			1	
	Pupils Return	Tuesday 16 April 2013				
	May Day	Monday 6 May 2013	1			
	Local Holiday	Friday 24 May 2013		2		
	Local Holiday	Monday 27 May 2013				
2013/2014	Schools Close (1.00pm)	Friday 28 June 2013	33			
	School Holiday	Thursday 15 August 2013				
	Teachers return	Friday 16 August 2013				
	Pupils return	Monday 19 August 2013		195		
		61	5	195	5	

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2. September Holiday Weekend (provisional date).
3. Good Friday: 29 March 2013.
4. *Pupil attendance will be 190 days after deducting 5 in-service days.

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Appendix 3

MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2012/2013 FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS

	Schools Open August 2012	October Week 2012	Christmas Holidays 2012	Easter Holidays 2013	Schools Close June 2013
<i>Glasgow City Council</i>	13 August (Teachers) 15 August (Pupils)	15 – 19 October	24 December – 4 January	29 March – 12 April	28 June
<i>North Ayrshire Council</i>	15 August (Teachers) 16 August (Pupils)	15-19 October	24 December – 4 January	29 March – 12 April	28 June

***All dates inclusive**