

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2006

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2007/2008

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. PROPOSAL

- 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 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 Executive 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

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Friday 21 December 2007 and re-open on Monday 7 January 2008.

Appendix II proposes that schools close on Thursday 20 December 2007 and re-open on Monday 7 January 2008.

February Mid Term

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Thursday 7 February 2008 and re-open on Tuesday 12 February 2008.

Appendix II proposes schools close on Friday 8 February 2008 and re-open on Thursday 14 February 2008. If this option is the preferred option, pupils will have a one week holiday, i.e. 3 days holiday and 2 days of teachers' in-service training.

Easter

Schools close Thursday 20 March 2008 and re-open Tuesday 25 March 2008

Spring Break

Schools close Friday 4 April 2008 and re-open Monday 21 April 2008 (an in-service training day).

Final Day of Term:

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Friday 27 June 2008.

Appendix II proposes that schools close on Tuesday 1 July 2008.

Start of New Session

Both Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Wednesday 13 August 2008.

- 2.6** The main school holiday dates in Appendix I coincide as far as possible with the main school holiday dates agreed by North Ayrshire Council and Glasgow City Council.
- 2.7** It is also proposed to consult on a two week break in October with the summer break being reduced by one week. Other local authorities are currently considering this and we also wish to consult on the proposal.

3. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** Nil

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:
- (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

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6 January 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support (01563) 555642 or Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools), (01563) 578114.

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APPENDIX I

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| EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL |
| DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES |

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2007/2008

| TERM | BREAK | DATES | HOLIDA Y TOTAL | LOCAL HOLIDAY | WORKING DAYS (TEACHER) | IN SERVICE DAYS |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | In-Service Day/ Teachers return | Tues | 14 Aug 2007 | | 1 |
| | | Pupils return | Wed | 15 Aug 2007 | | |
| | Local ** Holiday | Close | Thur | 13 Sept 2007 | | |
| | | | Frid | 14 Sept 2007 | | |
| | | | Mon | 17 Sept 2007 | 2 | |
| | | Re-open/ | Tues | 18 Sept 2007 | | |
| First | Mid-Term | Close | Frid | 12 Oct 2007 | | |
| | | Re-open/ In-Service Day | Mon | 22 Oct 2007 | 5 | 1 |
| | | Close | Frid | 21 Dec 2007 | | 87 |
| | | Re-open | Mon | 07 Jan 2008 | 15 | |
| Second | Mid-Term | Close | Thur | 07 Feb 2008 | | |
| | | Holiday | Frid | 08 Feb 2008 | 16 | |
| | Local | Holiday | Mon | 11 Feb 2008 | 1 | |
| | | Re-open/ In-Service Day | Tues | 12 Feb 2008 | | 1 |
| | | In-Service Day | Wed | 13 Feb 2008 | | 1 |
| | Easter | Close | Thur | 20 Mar 2008 | | |
| | | Re-Open | Tues | 25 Mar 2008 | | |
| | | Close | Frid | 04 Apr 2008 | | 148 |
| | | Re-open/ In-Service Day | Mon | 21 Apr 2008 | 28 | 1 |
| Third | May Day | | Mon | 05 May 2008 | 29 | |
| | | Close | Thur | 22 May 2008 | | |
| | Local Holiday | | Frid | 23 May 2008 | | |
| | | | Mon | 26 May 2008 | 2 | |
| | | Re-open | Tues | 27 May 2008 | | |
| | | Close | Frid | 27 June 2008 | | 195 |
| | | Teachers return | Wed | 13 Aug 2008 | | |
| | | | | | 61 | 5 |
| | | | | | 195* | 5 |

NB:

Good Friday 21 March 2008

*Pupils attendance will be 190 days after deducting 5 in service days.

**Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

APPENDIX II

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|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | In-Service Day/ Teachers return | | | | 1 |
| | | Pupils return | Tues | 14 Aug 2007 | | |
| | | | Wed | 15 Aug 2007 | | |
| | | Close | Thur | 13 Sept 2007 | | |
| | Local ** Holiday | | Frid | 14 Sept 2007 | | |
| | | | Mon | 17 Sept 2007 | 2 | |
| | | Re-open/ | Tues | 18 Sept 2007 | | |
| First | Mid-Term | Close | Frid | 12 Oct 2007 | | |
| | | Re-open/ In-Service Day | Mon | 22 Oct 2007 | 5 | 1 |
| | | Close | Thur | 20 Dec 2007 | | 86 |
| | | Re-open | Mon | 07 Jan 2008 | 16 | |
| Second | Mid-Term | Close | Frid | 08 Feb 2008 | | |
| | Local | Holiday | Mon | 11 Feb 2008 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | |
| | | Re-open/ In-Service Day | Thur | 14 Feb 2008 | 18 | 1 |
| | | In-Service Day | Fri | 15 Feb 2008 | | 1 |
| | Easter | Close | Thur | 20 Mar 2008 | | |
| | | Re-open | Tue | 25 Mar 2008 | | |
| | | Close | Frid | 04 Apr 2008 | | 146 |
| | | Re-open/ In-Service Day | Mon | 21 Apr 2008 | 29 | 1 |
| Third | May Day | | Mon | 05 May 2008 | 30 | |
| | | Close | Thur | 22 May 2008 | | |
| | Local Holiday | | Frid | 23 May 2008 | | |
| | | | Mon | 26 May 2008 | 2 | |
| | | Re-open | Tues | 27 May 2008 | | |
| | | Close | Tues | 01 July 2008 | | 195 |
| | | Teachers return | Wed | 13 Aug 2008 | | |
| | | | | | 61 | 5 |
| | | | | | 195* | 5 |

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