

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2006

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2007/2008

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Education Committee of the consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2007/2008 and to seek agreement of the committee to implement the preferred school holiday option.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Consultation on proposed school holiday arrangements has taken place with educational establishments and school boards, the teachers' unions, local Chambers of Commerce, Trades Council and with the local Churches.

The response rate to the consultation process has been poor in recent years and it is generally unusual to gain consensus from all parties. Members will also recall that the Scottish Ministers have expressed a wish that holidays should be co-ordinated across Authorities.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1** The result of the consultation exercise is as follows. (A copy of the Appendices is attached). Of the 57 responses, Appendix I attracted a majority of favourable responses (54), and 3 were in favour of Appendix II. As part of the consultation exercise a proposal for a two week break in October with the summer break being reduced by one week was considered. There was very little support for this proposal; thus, the holiday in October will remain at one week.
- 3.2** It is therefore proposed that Appendix I be adopted as the school holidays for session 2007/2008. An indication of how the school holiday proposals for 2007/2008 align with North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils is given in Appendix III.

4. COMMUNITY PLAN/FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- (i) Agree that Appendix I is accepted as the proposed school holiday arrangements for school session 2007/2008; and
- (ii) Otherwise note the contents of the report

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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

JS/DC
3 May 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support, telephone (01563) 576126 or Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools), telephone (01563) 578114.

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APPENDIX I

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2007/2008

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return Pupils return				1
	Local ** Holiday	Close Thur 13 Sept 2007 Frid 14 Sept 2007 Mon 17 Sept 2007 Re-open/ Tues 18 Sept 2007		2		
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				
	Local	Holiday Frid 08 Feb 2008 Mon 11 Feb 2008	16	1		
		Holiday 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	18			
		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			
	Local Holiday	Close Thur 22 May 2008 Frid 23 May 2008 Mon 26 May 2008 Re-open Tues 27 May 2008		2		
		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

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2007/2008

TERM	BREAK		DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
			In-Service Day/ Teachers return				1
			Pupils return				
	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	Thur 20 Dec 2007			86	
		Re-open	Mon 07 Jan 2008	16			
Second	Mid-Term	Close	Frid 08 Feb 2008				
	Local		Mon 11 Feb 2008				
		Holiday			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	20			
		Re-open	Tue 25 Mar 2008				
		Close	Frid 04 Apr 2008			146	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 21 Apr 2008	30			1
Third	May Day		Mon 05 May 2008	31			
		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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APPENDIX III

MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2007/2008

	Schools Open August 2007	October Week 2007	Christmas Holidays 2007	Spring Holidays 2008	Schools Close June 2008
East Ayrshire Council	Teachers – 14 August Pupils – 15 August	15 – 19 October	24 December – 4 January	7 – 18 April	27 June
South Ayrshire Council	Teachers – 16 August Pupils – 20 August	15 – 19 October	24 December – 4 January	7 – 18 April	27 June
North Ayrshire Council	Teachers - 14 August Pupils – 15 August	15 – 19 October	24 December – 4 January	7 – 18 April	27 June

NOTES:

1. Pupils in North and East Ayrshire Schools return on 15 August 2007. Pupils in South Ayrshire Schools return on 20 August 2007
2. School Holidays in October, Christmas, Spring in North, South and East Ayrshire are all the same.
3. Schools in the 3 Authorities close on 27 June 2008.

*All dates inclusive