

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2003

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2004/2005

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

- 2.2 The five in-service training days have also been included. It is proposed to continue with the 2 in-service training days in February. However to allow staff development and review to take place in the summer term, it is proposed that the in-service day in September be moved to after the Easter break.

- 2.3 The five local holidays have also been included. These are in line 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: Appendix I and II propose that schools close on Wednesday 22 December 2004 and re-open on Thursday 6 January 2005. Appendix III proposes that schools close on Thursday 23 December 2004 and re-open on Monday 10 January 2005.
- February Mid Term: Appendix I proposes that schools close on Thursday 10 February 2005 and re-open on Tuesday 15 February 2005. Appendix II proposes schools close on Friday 11 February 2005 and re-open on Thursday 17 February 2005. If this option is the preferred option, pupils will have a week's holiday, i.e. 3 days holiday and 2 days of teachers' in-service training.

Appendix III proposes that schools close on Friday 11 February 2005 and re-open on Tuesday 15 February 2005.

- Easter: Appendices I and III propose that schools close on Thursday 24 March 2005 and re-open on Monday 11 April 2005. Appendix II propose that schools close on Friday 18 March 2005 and re-open on Monday 4 April 2005.
- Final day of term: All three Appendices propose that schools close on Wednesday 29 June 2005.
- Start of new session: All three Appendices propose teachers Return to duty on Tuesday 16 August 2005 (in-service day).

2.6 The main school holiday dates in Appendix I coincide with the main school holiday dates proposed but not yet agreed by North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council.

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 the 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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7 January 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Graham Short, Head of Schools Telephone (01563) 576089 or Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools), Telephone (01563) 576045.

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APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2004/2005

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return	Mon 16 Aug 2004			1
		Pupils return	Tues 17 Aug 2004			
	Local ** Holiday	Close	Thur 16 Sept 2004			
			Frid 17 Sept 2004			
		Re-open/	Mon 20 Sept 2004	2		
			Tues 21 Sept 2004			
First	Mid-Term	Close	Frid 15 Oct 2004			
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 25 Oct 2004	5		1
		Close	Wed 22 Dec 2004		86	
		Re-open	Thur 06 Jan 2005	15		
Second	Mid-Term	Close	Thur 10 Feb 2005			
			Frid 11 Feb 2005	16		
	Local	Holiday	Mon 14 Feb 2005		1	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 15 Feb 2005			1
		In-Service Day	Wed 16 Feb 2005			1
		Close	Thur 24 Mar 2005		140	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 11 Apr 2005	27		1
Third	May Day		Mon 02 May 2005	28		
		Close	Thur 26 May 2005			
			Frid 27 May 2005			
	Local Holiday		Mon 30 May 2005		2	
		Re-open	Tues 31 May 2005			
		Close	Wed 29 June 2005		195	
		Teachers return	Tues 16 Aug 2005	33		
				61	5	195*
						5

NB: Good Friday 25 March 2005

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

**Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

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		Pupils return	Mon	16 Aug 2004		
			Tues	17 Aug 2004		
		Close	Thur	16 Sept 2004		
	Local ** Holiday		Frid	17 Sept 2004		
			Mon	20 Sept 2004	2	
		Re-open	Tues	21 Sept 2004		
First	Mid- Term	Close	Frid	15 Oct 2004		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon	25 Oct 2004	5	1
		Close	Wed	22 Dec 2004		86
		Re-open	Thur	06 Jan 2005	15	
Second	Mid- Term	Close	Fri	11 Feb 2005		
		Local Holiday	Mon	14 Feb 2005	1	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Thur	17 Feb 2005	17	1
		In-Service Day	Frid	18 Feb 2005		1
		Close	Frid	18 Mar 2005		135
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon	04 Apr 2005	27	1
Third	May Day	Close	Mon	02 May 2005	28	
			Thur	26 May 2005		
			Frid	27 May 2005		
	Local Holiday		Mon	30 May 2005	2	
		Re-open	Tues	31 May 2005		
		Close	Wed	29 June 2005		195
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First	Mid-Term	Close	Frid 15 Oct 2004			
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 25 Oct 2004	5		1
		Close	Thur 23 Dec 2004		87	
		Re-open	Mon 10 Jan 2005	16		
Second	Mid-Term	Close	Frid 11 Feb 2005	16		
	Local	Holiday	Mon 14 Feb 2005	1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 15 Feb 2005	16		1
		In-Service Day	Wed 16 Feb 2005			1
		Close	Thur 24 Mar 2005		140	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 11 Apr 2005	27		1
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		Close	Mon 2 May 2005 Thur 26 May 2005 Frid 27 May 2005 Mon 30 May 2005 Tues 31 May 2005	2		
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