

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2001

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003

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 2002/2003 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, teachers side of the joint consultative committee, 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 shows an increase in responses and is as follows. (A copy of the Appendices is attached). Of the 66 responses, only 1 was in favour of Appendix II. Appendix I attracted a majority of favourable responses (41) while 24 were in favour of Appendix III.
- 3.2** Adoption of Appendix I would mean that the Easter holidays would be significantly out of line with those for North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire. This would cause major inconvenience in some families. It is therefore proposed that Appendix III be adopted as the school holidays for session 2002/2003. An indication of how the school holiday proposals for 2002/2003 vary from North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Council are given in Appendix IV.
- 3.3** Consultation also took place on fixing the spring break as the first two weeks in April. Of the 66 responses received, only 21 expressed a preference for a fixed break. It is therefore proposed to take no further action on this proposal.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- (i) agree that Appendix III is accepted as the proposed school holiday arrangements for school session 2002/2003; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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Director of Educational and Social Services

JS/JH
9 May 2001

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.

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2002/2003

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return				1
		Pupils return				
		Close				
	Local Holiday	Mon 19 Aug 2002				
		Thur 19 Sept 2002				
		Fri 20 Sept 2002**		2		
		Mon 23 Sept 2002				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tue 24 Sept 2002				
First	Mid-Term	Close				
		Fri 11 Oct 2002				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Mon 21 Oct 2002	5			
		Close				
		Fri 20 Dec 2002			84	
		Re-open				
		Mon 6 Jan 2003	15			
Second	Mid-Term	Close				
		Thur 13 Feb 2003	16			
	Local Holiday	Mon 17 Feb 2003		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tues 18 Feb 2003				
		In-Service Day				1
		Wed 19 Feb 2003				

	<u>Close</u>	Tues 8 April 2003		149
			25	
	Re-open	Tues 22 April 2003		
<u>Third</u>	May Day	Mon 5 May 2003	26	
	<u>Close</u>	Thur 22 May 2003		
	Local Holiday	Fri 23 May 2003		
		Mon 26 May 2003		2
	Re-open	Tue 27 May 2003		
	Close	Fri 27 June 2003		195
	Teachers return	Fri 15 Aug 2003		
			60	5
			195*	5

NB: Good Friday : 18 April 2003

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

**Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2002/2003

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return				1
		Pupils return				
		Close				
	Local Holiday	Thur 19 Sept 2002				
		Fri 20 Sept 2002**		2		
		Mon 23 Sept 2002				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
First	Mid-Term	Close				
		Fri 11 Oct 2002				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Mon 21 Oct 2002	5			
		Close				
		Fri 20 Dec 2002			84	
		Re-open				
		Fri 3 Jan 2003	14			
Second	Mid-Term	Close				
		Fri 14 Feb 2003				
	Local Holiday	Mon 17 Feb 2003		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tues 18 Feb 2003				
		In-Service Day				1
		Wed 19 Feb 2003				

	Close	Fri 4 April 2003		149
			25	
	Re-open	Tues 22 April 2003		1
Third	May Day	Mon 5 May 2003	26	
	Close	Thur 22 May 2003		
	Local Holiday	Fri 23 May 2003		
		Mon 26 May 2003	2	
	Re-open	Tue 27 May 2003		
	Close	Fri 27 June 2003		195
	Teachers return	Fri 15 Aug 2003		
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APPENDIX III

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TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return Pupils return				1
		Close Fri 16 Aug 2002				
	Local Holiday	Mon 19 Aug 2002				
		Thur 19 Sept 2002				
		Fri 20 Sept 2002**		2		
		Mon 23 Sept 2002				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tue 24 Sept 2002				
First	Mid-Term	Close Fri 11 Oct 2002				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Mon 21 Oct 2002	5			
		Close Fri 20 Dec 2002			84	
		Re-open				
		Mon 6 Jan 2003	15			
Second	Mid-Term	Close Fri 14 Feb 2003	15			
	Local Holiday	Mon 17 Feb 2003		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tues 18 Feb 2003				

	In-Service Day	Wed 19 Feb 2003		1
	Close	Fri 11 April 2003	153	
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			25	
	Re-open	Mon 28 Apr 2003		1
Third	May Day	Mon 5 May 2003	26	
	Close	Thur 22 May 2003		
	Local Holiday	Fri 23 May 2003		
		Mon 26 May 2003	2	
	Re-open	Tue 27 May 2003		
	Close	Fri 27 June 2003	195	
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	Teachers return	Fri 15 Aug 2003		
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			60	5
			195*	5
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APPENDIX IV

MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003*

	Schools Open August 2002	October Week 2002	Christmas Holidays 2002	Easter Holidays 2003	Schools Close June 2003
East Ayrshire Council	16 August (teachers) 19 August (pupils)	14-18 October	23 December – 3 January	14–25 April	27 June Re-open 15 August (teachers) Re-open 18 August (pupils)
South Ayrshire Council	16 August (teachers) 20 August (pupils)	14-18 October	23 December – 3 January	14-25 April	27 June Re-open 15 August (teachers) Re-open 18 August (pupils)
North Ayrshire Council	16 August (teachers) 19 August (pupils)	14-18 October	23 December – 3 January	14-25 April	27 June Re-open 15 August (teachers) Re-open 18 August (pupils)

1. Teachers in all areas return on same day. North and East Ayrshire school pupils return on same day. Pupils in South Ayrshire return one day later as there are 2 in-service days.
2. All areas have the same October holiday.
3. All areas have the same Christmas holidays.
4. North, South and East Ayrshire have the same Easter holidays.
5. North, South and East Ayrshire close for the summer holidays on the same day.
6. Teachers and pupils in all areas return for session 2003/2004 on the same day.

***All dates inclusive**

AGENDA