

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET - 31 March 2021****Report by Head of Education**

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2022/2023

PURPOSE

1. To seek approval to consult with; schools and centres, Parent Councils, the Chambers of Commerce, Faith Groups and the Teaching Unions on the enclosed proposals

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. **It is recommended that Cabinet:**
 - (i) **agree that this document is issued for consultation to schools and centres, Parent Councils, the Chambers of Commerce, Faith Groups and the Teaching Unions;**
 - (ii) **request that the Head of Education produce a further report outlining the results of the consultation process;**
 - (iii) **note that early indications from CoSLA through the Head of HR Network suggest that public holidays 2022 may be subject to change in alignment with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; and**
 - (iv) **otherwise note the contents of this report**

BACKGROUND - PROPOSALS

3. 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. Parent Councils will be consulted with directly and not through Head Teachers.
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.
5. The spring break continues to be fixed as the first full two weeks in April as per the agreement of the Education Committee on 25 May 2004.
6. The five in-service training days and five local holidays have been included. These are consistent, as far as possible, with in-service days and local holidays in neighbouring authorities.
7. It should be noted that early indications from CoSLA through the Head of HR Network suggest that public holidays 2022 may be subject to change in alignment with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

8. The dates proposed in each option, as shown in appendices 1 and 2, vary as follows:

Return from Summer Break

No variance: Both options propose an in-service day on Wednesday 17 August 2022 with pupils returning to school on Thursday 18 August 2022.

September Weekend

No variance: Both options propose school closure on Friday 16 September 2022 and Monday 19 September 2022, with pupils returning to school on Tuesday 20 September 2022. ***Please note this may be subject to change in alignment with Gold Cup weekend, once these dates have been confirmed by Ayr Racecourse.***

October Break

Option 1 proposes to close schools on Friday 14 October 2022 and an in-service day on Monday 24 October 2022 with pupils returning on Tuesday 25 October 2022, whilst Option 2 proposes an additional in-service day on Tuesday 25 October 2022, with pupils returning on Wednesday 26 October 2022.

Christmas

No variance: Both options propose that schools will close on Friday 23 December 2022 and will re-open on Monday 9 January 2023.

February Mid-Term

Option 1 proposes that schools will close on Wednesday 8 February 2023, with 2 in-service days on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 February 2023. Pupils will return to school on Thursday 16 February 2023.

Option 2 proposes that schools will also close on Wednesday 8 February 2023, with 1 in-service day on Tuesday 14. Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 15 February 2023.

Easter

No variance: Both options propose that Schools close on Friday 1 April 2023 and re-open Monday 17 April 2023. *It can be noted that Good Friday is on 8 April 2023.*

May Holidays

Both options propose that schools are closed on May Day, Monday 1 May 2023.

Option1 proposes that schools close on Thursday 25 May 2023, followed by an in service day on Tuesday 30 May 2023, with pupils returning Wednesday 31 May 2021.

Option 2 proposes that schools close on Friday 26 May 2023, with an in service day on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

Final Day of Term:

Option 1 proposes that schools close on Friday 30 June 2023, whilst option 2 proposes that schools close on Thursday 29 June 2023.

Session 2023/2024

Teachers (In Service) – Thursday 17 August 2023

Teachers (In Service) – Friday 18 August 2023

Pupils return – Monday 21 August 2023

9. Consultation has taken place with North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and South Ayrshire Council (SAC) and the differences are highlighted in the table below:

| | North | South (Option 1) | East (Option 1) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Return Date Staff | 17/08/2022 | 17/8/22 (closure day) | 17/08/2022 |
| Return Date Pupils | 18/08/2022 | 22/08/2022 | 18/08/2022 |
| Sept Break | 16th & 19th | 16th & 19th | 16th & 19th |
| Oct Week | w/c 17/10/22 | w/c 17/10/22 | w/c 17/10/22 |
| Nov Break | 18th & 21st | n/a | n/a |
| Christmas Break | w/c 26/12/22 and w/c 2/1/23 | w/c 26/12/22 and w/c 2/1/23 | w/c 26/12/22 and w/c 2/1/23 |
| Feb Break | 10th and 13th | 10th and 13th | 9th, 10th and 13th |
| Easter Break | w/c 3/4/23 and w/c10/4/23 | w/c 3/4/23 and w/c10/4/23 | w/c 3/4/23 and w/c 10/4/23 |
| May Day | 1st | 1st | 1st |
| Late May Break | 29th | 26th and 29th | 26th and 29th |
| Summer Break | 3/7/23 to 16/8/23 | 3/7/23 to 16/8/23 | 3/7/23 to 16/8/23 |
| In-service day | 17/08/2022 | 18/08/2022 | 17/08/2022 |
| In-service day | | 19/08/2022 | |
| In-service day | 24/10/2022 | 24/10/2022 | 24/10/2022 |
| In-service day | 22/11/2022 | | |
| In-service day | 14/02/2023 | 14/02/2023 | 14/02/2023 |
| In-service day | | | 15/02/2023 |
| In-service day | 30/05/2023 | 30/05/2023 | 30/05/2023 |

FINANCIAL/ LEGAL/ HR/ POLICY/ COMMUNITY PLAN/ RISK IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no financial, legal or policy implications as a result of this report.

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Head of Education

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Linda McAulay-Griffiths, Head of Education: Schools (01563) 556126.

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| EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL Proposed School Holiday Arrangements 2022/2023 – Option 1 | | | | | |
|--|----------|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Term | Break | Detail / Attendance | Date | Cumulative Holiday Total | Cumulative Working Days |
| First | Mid Term | Teachers (In Service) Pupils return | Wednesday 17 August 2022 Thursday 18 August 2022 | | |
| | | *Local Holiday | Friday 16 September 2022 | 1 | |
| | | *Local Holiday | Monday 19 September 2022 | 2 | |
| | | Pupils return | Tuesday 20 September 2022 | | |
| | | Close Teachers (In Service) Pupils return | Friday 14 October 2022 Monday 24 October 2022 Tuesday 25 October 2022 | 7 | |
| | | Close | Friday 23 December 2022 | | 86 |
| Second | Mid Term | Re-open | Monday 9 January 2023 | 17 | |
| | | Close | Wednesday 8 February 2023 | | |
| | | Local Holiday | Thursday 9 February 2023 | 18 | |
| | | Local Holiday | Friday 10 February 2023 | 19 | |
| | | Local Holiday | Monday 13 February 2023 | 20 | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) | Tuesday 14 February 2023 | | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) Pupils return | Wednesday 15 February 2023 Thursday 16 February 2023 | | 143 |
| | | Close | Friday 31 March 2023 | | |
| Third | | Re-open | Monday 17 April 2023 | 30 | |
| | | Local Holiday (May Day) Pupils return | Monday 1 May 2023 Tuesday 2 May 2023 | 31 | |
| | | Local Holiday | Friday 26 May 2023 | 32 | |
| | | Local Holiday | Monday 29 May 2023 | 33 | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) Pupils return | Tuesday 30 May 2023 Wednesday 31 May 2023 | | 195 |
| | | Close | Friday 30 June 2023 | 66 | |
| <p>* subject to change in alignment with Gold Cup weekend</p> <p>Session 2022/2023: Teachers (In Service) – Thursday 17 August 2023 Teachers (In Service) – Friday 18 August 2023 Pupils return – Monday 21 August 2023</p> <p>Good Friday – 7 April 2023</p> <p>Pupils attendance will be 190 days after deducting 5 In Service days</p> <p>NOTE: Public Holidays 2022 may be subject to change in alignment with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.</p> | | | | | |

| EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL Proposed School Holiday Arrangements 2022/2023 – Option 2 | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Term | Break | Detail / Attendance | Date | Cumulative Holiday Total | Cumulative Working Days |
| First | Mid Term | Teachers (In Service) Pupils return | Wednesday 17 August 2022 Thursday 18 August 2022 | | |
| | | *Local Holiday | Friday 16 September 2022 | 1 | |
| | | *Local Holiday | Monday 19 September 2022 | 2 | |
| | | Pupils return | Tuesday 20 September 2022 | | |
| | | Close | Friday 14 October 2022 | 7 | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) | Monday 24 October 2022 | | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) | Tuesday 25 October 2022 | | |
| | | Pupils return | Wednesday 26 October 2022 | | 83 |
| | | Close | Friday 23 December 2022 | | |
| Second | Mid Term | Re-open | Monday 9 January 2023 | 17 | |
| | | Close | Wednesday 8 February 2023 | | |
| | | Local Holiday | Thursday 9 February 2023 | 18 | |
| | | Local Holiday | Friday 10 February 2023 | 19 | |
| | | Local Holiday | Monday 13 February 2023 | 20 | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) | Tuesday 14 February 2023 | | |
| | | Pupils return | Wednesday 15 February 2023 | | 139 |
| | | Close | Friday 31 March 2023 | | |
| Third | | Re-open | Monday 17 April 2023 | 30 | |
| | | Local Holiday (May Day) | Monday 1 May 2023 | 31 | |
| | | Pupils return | Tuesday 2 May 2023 | | |
| | | Local Holiday | Monday 29 May 2023 | 32 | |
| | | Teachers (In Service) | Tuesday 30 May 2023 | | |
| Pupils return | Wednesday 31 May 2023 | | | | |
| | | Close | Thursday 29 June 2023 | 66 | 190 |
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