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REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10 MAY 2021

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2023/24 AND 2024/25

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

REPORT NO: 154-2021

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the scheme for school terms and holidays for sessions 2023/24 and 2024/2025.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and approves the scheme (Appendix 1 refers) of school terms and holidays for sessions 2023/24 and 2024/2025.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 This report seeks Committee approval for the school term and holidays for sessions 2023/24 and 2024/2025 in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.

4.2 Reference is made to Article V of the Minute of the Meeting of the Children and Families Services Committee held on 13 May 2019 (report no. 193-2019 refers) where the start of sessions 2021/22 and 2022/23 were agreed.

4.3 The scheme proposes a school session of 195 days for teaching staff and 190 days for pupils.

4.4 It is proposed that, in 2023/24, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 14 August 2023, 9 and 10 November 2023, 20 February 2024 and 2 May 2024. In session 2024/25 it is proposed that these dates should be 12 August 2024, 14 and 15 November 2024, 18 February 2025 and 23 May 2025. The in-service day on 2 May 2024 coincides with a General Election to save disruption to pupils learning.

4.5 It is proposed that, in 2023/24 the February mid-term holiday be held on 16 and 19 February 2024 with the in-service day following on 20 February 2024. In session 2024/25 it is proposed that these dates should be 14 and 17 February 2025 with the in-service day following on 18 February 2025.

4.6 Reference is made to Article II of the minute of the meeting of this Committee of 24 May 2010 (report no. 279-2010 refers), where the Education Committee agreed that from session 2011/12 onwards, the October holiday should be held in the second and third weeks of October. It is proposed that, in 2023/24, the autumn fortnight will begin on 9 October 2023. In session 2024/25, it is proposed that the autumn fortnight will begin on 7 October 2024.

4.7 In session 2023/24 Christmas Day falls on a Monday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 22 December 2023 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 8 January 2024. In session 2024/25 Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 20 December 2024 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 6 January 2025.

- 4.8 In session 2023/24 Good Friday is on Friday 29 March 2024. Schools will therefore close on Thursday 28 March and re-open after the spring break on Monday 15 April 2024. In session 2024/25 Good Friday is on Friday 18 April 2025 and this will be a holiday.
- 4.9 In session 2023/24 the May Day holiday is on Monday 6 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 27 May 2024. In session 2024/25 the May Day holiday is on Monday 5 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 26 May 2025.
- 4.10 The end of session in 2023/24 will be Friday 28 June 2024. The end of session in 2024/25 will be Friday 27 June 2025.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been subject to an assessment of any impact on equality and diversity, fairness and poverty, environment and corporate risk. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Council Management Team, teacher union representatives, support staff unions, parent council representatives and the appropriate Directors in Angus, Fife and Perth and Kinross Councils.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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Executive Director

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 14 August 2023	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 15 August 2023		
	End		Friday 6 October 2023		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 9 October 2023		
Holiday	End		Friday 20 October 2023		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 23 October 2023		
Term			Thursday 9 November 2023	Day 2	
			Friday 10 November 2023	Day 3	
	End		Friday 22 December 2023		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 25 December 2023		
Holiday	End		Friday 5 January 2024		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 8 January 2024		
Term			Fri/Mon 16/19 February 2024 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 20 February 2024	Day 4	
	End		Thursday 28 March 2024		57
Spring	Start		Friday 29 March 2024 (Good Friday)		
Holiday	End		Friday 12 April 2024		
			(11 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 15 April 2024		
Term			Thursday 2 May 2024	Day 5	
			Monday 6 May 2024 May Day		
			Monday 27 May 2024 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 28 June 2024		51
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2023/24

Closure Day 1	Monday 14 August 2023	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 9 November 2023	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 10 November 2023	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 20 February 2024	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Thursday 2 May 2024	Citywide

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	End		Friday 4 October 2024		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 7 October 2024		
Holiday	End		Friday 18 October 2024		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 21 October 2024		
Term			Thursday 14 November 2024	Day 2	
			Friday 15 November 2024	Day 3	
	End		Friday 20 December 2024		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 23 December 2024		
Holiday	End		Friday 3 January 2025		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 6 January 2025		
Term			Fri/Mon 14/17 February 2025 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 18 February 2025	Day 4	
	End		Friday 28 March 2025		57
Spring	Start		Monday 31 March 2025		
Holiday	End		Friday 11 April 2025		
Holiday			Friday 18 April 2025 (Good Friday)		
			(11 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 14 April 2025		
Term			Monday 5 May 2025 May Day		
			Friday 23 May 2025	Day 5	
			Monday 26 May 2025 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 27 June 2025		51
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CLOSURE DAYS 2024/25

Closure Day 1	Monday 12 August 2024	Citywide
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Closure Day 3	Friday 15 November 2024	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 18 February 2025	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 23 May 2025	Citywide