

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 23 JANUARY 2012
REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2013-2014
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
REPORT NO: 23-2012

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 session 2013-2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee notes and approves the scheme (see Appendix 1) of school terms and holidays for session 2013-2014.

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 session 2013-14, in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.

4.2 The start of session 2013-2014 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 25 October 2010 (Report No 627-2010 refers).

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-service days for teaching staff should be held on 12 August 2013, 14 & 15 November 2013, 13 February 2014 and 16 May 2014.

4.5 It is proposed that, in 2013-14 the February mid-term holiday be held 14 and 17 February 2014, following on from the in-service day on 13 February 2014.

4.6 At their meeting on 24 May 2010 (Report No 279-2010 refers), the Education Committee agreed that, from session 2011-12 onwards, the October holiday should be held in the second and third weeks of October. In 2013-14, the autumn fortnight will begin on 7 October 2013.

4.7 In session 2013-14 Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 20 December 2013 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 6 January 2014.

- 4.8 Good Friday is on Friday 18 April and will be a holiday.
- 4.9 The May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (5th) and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 26 May 2014.
- 4.10 The end of session will be Friday 27 June 2014. The start of session 2014-15 will be 18 August 2014 for staff and 19 August 2014 for pupils. This allows for calendar slippage.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environmental assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. There are no major issues. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be available on the Council Web Site at <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, teacher associations, Head Teacher organisations, staff unions, and the Directors of Education in Angus, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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DATE:
10 January 2012

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2013/2014				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 12 August 2013	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 13 August 2013		
	End		Friday 4 October 2013		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 7 October 2013		
Holiday	End		Friday 18 October 2013		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 21 October 2013		
Term			Thursday 14 November 2013	Day 2	
			Friday 15 November 2013	Day 3	
	End		Friday 20 December 2013		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 23 December 2013		
Holiday	End		Friday 3 January 2014		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 6 January 2014		
Term			Thursday 13 February 2014	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 14/17 February 2014 (Mid Term)		
	End		Friday 28 March 2014		57
Spring	Start		Monday 31 March 2014		
Holiday	End		Friday 11 April 2014		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 14 April 2014		
Term			Friday 18 April 2014 (Good Friday)		
			Monday 5 May 2014 May Day		
			Friday 23 May 2014	Day 5	
			Monday 26 May 2014 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 27 June 2014		51
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session 2014 - 2015	Start	Staff	Monday 18 August 2014		
		Pupils	Tuesday 19 August 2014		
Notes: Easter Sunday 20 April 2014					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2014					
Commencement of SQA Examination (subject to confirmation)					

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CLOSURE DAYS 2013/2014

Closure Day 1	Monday 12 August 2013	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 14 November 2013	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 15 November 2013	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Thursday 13 February 2014	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 23 May 2014	Citywide