

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 26 November 2007

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2008/2009

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 534-2007

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 2008/2009.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee adopt the scheme (see Appendix) as the Council's scheme of school terms and holidays for Session 2008/2009.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The start of Session 2008/2009 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on

4.2 The scheme proposes a school Session of 195 days for teaching staff and 190 days for pupils.

4.3 In-Service days for teaching staff will be 18 August 2008, 13 & 14 November 2008, 22 May 2009 and 1 day February/March 2009 allocated by secondary school cluster.

4.4 Good Friday is incorporated within the Spring Holiday

4.5 A proposed mid-term holiday is 13 & 16 February 2008

4.6 The proposed autumn fortnight is in accordance with established practice and includes the autumn holiday week

4.7 Christmas Day falls on a Thursday. This means the school will close on Tuesday 23 December 2008 and re-open for the spring term on Wednesday 7 January 2009.

4.8 The end of session will be Thursday 2 July 2009.

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.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, The Assistant Chief Executive (Management), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance, Teacher Associations, Head Teacher Organisations, Staff

Unions, School Boards and the Directors of Education in Angus, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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DATE:
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2008/2009				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 18 August 2008	Day 1	
Term		Pupils	Tuesday 19 August 2008		
	End		Friday 03 October 2008		34
Autumn	Start		Monday 06 October 2008		
Holiday	End		Friday 17 October 2008		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 20 October 2008		
Term			Thursday 13 November 2008	Day 2	
			Friday 14 November 2008	Day 3	
	End		Tuesday 23 December 2008		45
Christmas	Start		Wednesday 24 December 2008		
Holiday	End		Tuesday 6 January 2009		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Wednesday 7 January 2009		
			By Cluster February/March 2009	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 13/16 February 2009	Mid Term	
	End		Friday 03 April 2009		60
Spring	Start		Monday 06 April 2009		
Holiday	End		Friday 17 April 2009		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 20 April 2009		
Term			Monday 4 May 2009 May Day		
			Friday 22 May 2009	Day 5	51
			Monday 25 May 2009 Victoria Day		
	End		Thursday 02 July 2009		
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session	Start	Staff	Monday 17 August 2009		
		Pupils	Tuesday 18 August 2009		
Notes: Easter Sunday 12 April 2009					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2009					
Commencement of SQA Examination Tuesday 5 May 2009 (subject to confirmation)					

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CLOSURE DAYS 2008/2009

Closure Day 1	Monday 18 August 2008	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 13 November 2008	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 14 November 2008	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 10 February 2009	Baldragon Academy Cluster (including Kingspark)
	Thursday 12 February 2009	Morgan Academy Cluster
	Tuesday 17 February 2009	St John's RC High Cluster
	Thursday 19 February 2009	Harris Academy Cluster
	Tuesday 24 February 2009	St Saviour's RC Academy
Cluster	Tuesday 24 February 2009	Lawsid RC Academy Cluster
	Thursday 26 February 2009	Menziesshill High Cluster
	Tuesday 3 March 2009	Braeview Academy Cluster
	Thursday 5 March 2009	Craigie High Cluster
	Tuesday 10 March 2009	Grove Academy Cluster
Closure Day 5	Friday 22 May 2009	Citywide