

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 23 OCTOBER 2006**  
**REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2007/2008**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**  
**REPORT NO: 585-2006**

## **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 2007/2008.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee adopt the draft scheme (see Appendix) as the Council's scheme of school terms and holidays for Session 2007/2008.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None.

## **4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

6.1 The start of Session 2007/2008 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 21 November 2005 (Article 1 refers).

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

6.3 In-Service days for teaching staff will be 13 August 2007, 15 & 16 November 2007, 23 May 2008 and 1 day February/March 2007 allocated by secondary school cluster.

6.4 Following consultation it is proposed that the spring holiday is taken 1 week earlier than established practice. This still includes the spring holiday week. It will also make the spring and summer terms more similar in length.

6.5 Good Friday will be a single day holiday on 21 March 2008.

6.6 A proposed mid-term holiday is 15 and 18 February 2008.

- 6.7 The proposed autumn fortnight is in accordance with established practice and includes the autumn holiday week.
- 6.8 Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday. This means schools will close on Friday 21 December 2007 and reopen for the spring term on Monday 7 January 2008.
- 6.9 The end of session will be Friday 27 June 2008.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 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), Teacher Associations, Head Teacher Organisations, Staff Unions, School Boards and the Directors of Education in Angus, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2007/2008				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 13 August 2007	Day 1	34
Term		Pupils	Tuesday 14 August 2007		
	End		Friday 28 September 2007		
Autumn	Start		Monday 1 October 2007		
Holiday	End		Friday 12 October 2007		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 15 October 2007		
Term			Thursday 15 November 2007	Day 2	
			Friday 16 November 2007	Day 3	
	End		Friday 21 December 2007		48
Christmas	Start		Monday 24 December 2007		
Holiday	End		Friday 4 January 2008		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 7 January 2008		
			By Cluster February/March 2008	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 15/18 February 2008	Mid Term	
			Good Friday 21 March 2008		
	End		Friday 28 March 2008		56
Spring	Start		Monday 31 March 2008		
Holiday	End		Friday 11 April 2008		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 14 April 2008		
Term			Monday 5 May 2008    May Day		
			Friday 23 May 2008	Day 5	52
			Monday 26 May 2008    Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 27 June 2008		
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session	Start	Staff	Monday 18 August 2008		
		Pupils	Tuesday 19 August 2008		
Notes:    Easter Sunday 23 March 2008					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2008					
Commencement of SQA Examination Tuesday 6 May 2008 (subject to confirmation)					

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## CLOSURE DAYS 2007/2008

Closure Day 1	Monday 13 August 2007	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 15 November 2007	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 16 November 2007	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 12 February 2008	Baldrigon Academy Cluster (including Kingspark)
	Thursday 14 February 2008	Morgan Academy Cluster
	Tuesday 19 February 2008	St John's RC High Cluster
	Thursday 21 February 2008	Harris Academy Cluster
	Tuesday 26 February 2008	St Saviour's RC Academy Cluster
	Tuesday 26 February 2008	Lawside RC Academy Cluster
	Thursday 28 February 2008	Menzieshill High Cluster
	Tuesday 4 March 2008	Braeview Academy Cluster
	Thursday 6 March 2008	Craigie High Cluster
	Tuesday 11 March 2008	Grove Academy Cluster
Closure Day 5	Friday 23 May 2008	Citywide

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