

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 25 OCTOBER 2010**  
**REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2011-12 & 2012-13**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**  
**REPORT NO: 627-2010**

## **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 2011-12 and 2012-13.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee notes and approves the schemes of school terms and holidays for sessions 2011-12 (appendix 1) and 2012-13 (appendix 2).

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 This report seeks Committee approval for school terms and holidays for the next two sessions, in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.

4.2 The start of session 2011-12 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 7 December 2009 (report no. 604-2009 refers).

4.3 The scheme for 2011-12 proposes a school session of 195 days for teaching staff and 189 days for pupils. The pupil session is normally of 190 days duration, but Scottish Government gave approval for three additional in-service days, spread over three sessions, to assist the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence. This is the last of these days. In 2011-12 this additional day will be Tuesday, 16th August 2011, and pupils will consequently return to school after the summer holiday on Wednesday, 17th August.

4.4 The scheme for 2012-13 proposes a school session of 195 days for teaching staff and 190 days for pupils.

4.5 It is proposed that, in 2011-12, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 15th and 16th August 2011, 10th & 11th November 2011, 9th February 2012 and 25th May 2012. In session 2012-13 it is proposed that these dates should be 13th August 2012, 8th and 9th November 2012, 7th February 2013 and 24th May 2013.

4.6 It is proposed that the February mid-term holiday for 2011-12 be held on 10th and 13th February 2012, following on from the in-service day on 9th February. In session 2012-2013 it is proposed that this holiday be held on 8th and 11th February 2013, following the in-service day on 7th February 2013.

- 4.7 At their meeting on 24th May 2010 (report no. 279-2010 refers), the Education Committee agreed that, from session 2011-12 onwards, the October holiday should be held on the second and third weeks of October. Consequently it is proposed that, in 2011-12, the autumn fortnight will begin on 10th October 2011. In session 2012-13 the holiday will begin on 8th October 2012.
- 4.8 In session 2011-12 Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Wednesday 21st December 2011 and re-open for the spring term on Thursday 5th January 2012. In session 2012-13 Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday, and it is proposed that schools will close on Friday 21st December 2012 and re-open on Monday 7th January 2013.
- 4.9 In session 2011-12 Good Friday is on Friday 6th April 2012 and falls in the middle of the Spring holiday. In session 2012-13 Good Friday is on Friday 29th March 2013 and will be a holiday. The two-week Spring break will follow on from this.
- 4.10 The May Day holiday and the Victoria Day holiday in session 2011-2012 will be Monday 7th May 2012 and Monday 28th May 2012 respectively. In session 2012-2013 these holidays will be Monday 6th May 2013 and Monday 27th May 2013.
- 4.11 Session 2011-12 will end on Thursday 28th June 2012. Session 2012-13 will end on Friday 28th June 2013.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 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 CONSULTATION**

- 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:  
4 October 2010

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<b>SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2011/2012</b>				<b>IN-SERVICE DAYS</b>	<b>PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS</b>
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 15 August 2011	Day 1	
Term			Tuesday 16 August 2011	Day 2	
	Start	Pupils	Wednesday 17 August 2011		
	End		Friday 7 October 2011		38
Autumn	Start		Monday 10 October 2011		
Holiday	End		Friday 21 October 2011		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 24 October 2011		
Term			Thursday 10 November 2011	Day 3	
			Friday 11 November 2011	Day 4	
	End		Wednesday 21 December 2011		41
Christmas	Start		Thursday 22 December 2011		
Holiday	End		Wednesday 4 January 2012		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Thursday 5 January 2012		
Term			Thursday 9 February 2012	Day 5	
			Fri/Mon 10/13 February 2012 (Mid-term)		
	End		Friday 30 March 2012		59
Spring	Start		Monday 2 April 2012		
Holiday			Friday 6 April 2012 Good Friday		
	End		Friday 13 April 2012		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 16 April 2012		
Term			Monday 7 May 2012 May Day		
			Friday 25 May 2012	Day 6	
			Monday 28 May 2012 Victoria Day		
	End		Thursday 28 June 2012		51
			TOTAL		189
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					189
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session 2012 - 2013	Start	Staff	Monday 13 August 2012		
		Pupils	Tuesday 14 August 2012		
Notes: Easter Sunday 8 April 2012					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2012					
Commencement of SQA Examination Tuesday 01 May 2012 (subject to confirmation)					

**CLOSURE DAYS 2011/2012 (all citywide)**

Closure Day 1            Monday 15 August 2011

Closure Day 2            Tuesday 16 August 2011            (Curriculum for Excellence)

Closure Day 3            Thursday 10 November 2011

Closure Day 4            Friday 11 November 2011

Closure Day 5            Thursday 9 February 2012

Closure Day 6            Friday 25 May 2012

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<b>SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2012/2013</b>				<b>IN-SERVICE DAYS</b>	<b>PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS</b>
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 13 August 2012	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 14 August 2012		
	End		Friday 5 October 2012		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 8 October 2012		
Holiday	End		Friday 19 October 2012		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 22 October 2012		
Term			Thursday 8 November 2012	Day 2	
			Friday 9 November 2012	Day 3	
	End		Friday 21 December 2012		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 24 December 2012		
Holiday	End		Friday 4 January 2013		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 7 January 2013		
Term			Thursday 7 February 2013	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 8/11 February 2013 (Mid-term)		
	End		Thursday 28 March 2013		56
			Friday 29 March 2013 (Good Friday)		
Spring	Start		Monday 1 April 2013		
Holiday	End		Friday 12 April 2013		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 15 April 2013		
Term			Monday 6 May 2013      May Day		
			Friday 24 May 2013	Day 5	
			Monday 27 May 2013      Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 28 June 2013		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session 2013 - 2014	Start	Staff	Monday 12 August 2013		
		Pupils	Tuesday 13 August 2013		
Notes:      Easter Sunday 31 March 2013					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2013					
Commencement of SQA Examination Tuesday 01 May 2013 (subject to confirmation)					

**CLOSURE DAYS 2012-13 (all citywide)**

Closure Day 1	Monday 13 August 2012
Closure Day 2	Thursday 8 November 2012
Closure Day 3	Friday 9 November 2012
Closure Day 4	Thursday 7 February 2013
Closure Day 5	Friday 24 May 2013