

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 15 DECEMBER 2003

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2004/2005

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 787-2003

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 2004/2005.

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 2004/2005.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The start of Session 2004/2005 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 16 September 2002 (Article IV 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 16 August 2004, 18 and 19 November 2004, 27 May 2005 and 1 day in February/March 2005 allocated by secondary school cluster.

6.4 The proposed spring holiday is in accordance with established practice and includes the spring holiday week.

6.5 A proposed mid-term holiday is 14 and 15 February 2005.

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

6.7 Christmas Day falls on a Saturday. This means schools will close on Wednesday 22 December and re-open for the spring term on Thursday 6 January 2005.

6.8 The end of session will be Thursday 30 June 2005.

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

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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17 November 2003

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2004/2005

**INSERVICE
DAYS**

**PUPIL
SCHOOL
DAYS**

Autumn Term	Start	Staff	Monday 16 August 2004	Day 1	
		Pupils	Tuesday 17 August 2004		34
	End		Friday 1 October 2004		
Autumn Holiday	Start		Monday 4 October 2004		
	End		Friday 15 October 2004		
			(10 school days)		
Winter Term	Start		Monday 18 October 2004		
			Thursday 18 November 2004	Day 2	
			Friday 19 November 2004	Day 3	46
	End		Wednesday 22 December 2004		
Christma s Holiday	Start		Thursday 23 December 2004		
	End		Wednesday 5 January 2005		
			(10 school days)		
Spring Term	Start		Thursday 6 January 2005		
			Mon/Tues 14/15 February 2005	Mid Term	
			February/March By Cluster	Day 4	59
			See attached		
	End		Friday 1 April 2005		
Spring Holiday	Start		Monday 4 April 2005		
	End		Friday 15 April 2005		
			(10 school days)		
Summer Term	Start		Monday 18 April 2005		
			Monday 2 May 2005 May Day		
			Friday 27 May 2005	Day 5	51
			Monday 30 May 2005 Victoria Day		
	End		Thursday 30 June 2005		
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session	Start	Staff	Monday 15 August 2005		
		Pupils	Tuesday 16 August 2005		
Notes :	Easter Sunday 27 March 2005				
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be week commencing Monday, 13 June 2005					LW/TS
Commencement of SQA Examination Tuesday May 3 2005 (subject to confirmation)					14-Nov-03

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CLOSURE DAYS 2004/2005			
CLOSURE DAY 1	Monday 16 August 2004	Citywide	
CLOSURE DAY 2	Thursday 18 November 2004	Citywide	
CLOSURE DAY 3	Friday 19 November 2004	Citywide	
CLOSURE DAY 4	Wednesday 16 February 2005	Baldragon Academy Cluster (including Kingspark)	
	Friday 18 February 2005	Morgan Academy Cluster	
	Monday 21 February 2005	St John's RC High School Cluster	
	Friday 25 February 2005	Harris Academy Cluster	
	Monday 28 February 2005	Lawside RC Academy Cluster	
	Friday 4 March 2005	Menzieshill High School Cluster	
	Monday 7 March 2005	Braeview Academy Cluster	
	Friday 11 March 2005	Craigie High School Cluster	
	Monday 14 March 2005	Grove Academy Cluster	
	Friday 18 March 2005	St Saviour's RC High School Cluster	
CLOSURE DAY 5	Friday 27 May 2005	Citywide	
Start of SQA examinations (subject to confirmation) - Tuesday 3 May 2005			
			LW/TS
			14-Nov-03