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REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES COMMITTEE – 30
OCTOBER 2017

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2019/20 AND 2020/21

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

REPORT NO: 373-2017

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 2019/20 and 2020/2021.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and approves the scheme (Appendix 1 refers) of school terms and holidays for sessions 2019/20 and 2020/2021.

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 sessions 2019/20 and 2020/2021 in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.

4.2 Reference is made to Article II of the Minute of the Meeting of the Education Committee held on 28 March 2016 (report no. 122-2016 refers) where the start of session 2017/18 and 2018/19 were agreed.

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 2019/20, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 12 August 2019, 14 and 15 November 2019, 18 February 2020 and 22 May 2020. In session 2020/21 it is proposed that these dates should be 17 August 2020, 12 and 13 November 2020, 16 February 2021 and 6 May 2021. The In-service Day in May coincides with the Scottish Parliamentary elections to save disruption to pupils learning.

4.5 It is proposed that, in 2019/20 the February mid-term holiday be held 14 and 17 February 2020 with the in-service day following on 18 February 2020. In session 2020/21 it is proposed that these dates should be 12 and 15 February 2021 with the in-service day following on 16 February 2021.

4.6 Reference is made to Article II of the meeting of this Committee of 24 May 2010 (report no. 279-2010 refers), where the Education Committee agreed that from session 2011/12 onwards, the October holiday should be held in the second and third

weeks of October. It is proposed that, in 2019/20, the autumn fortnight will begin on 7 October 2019. In session 2020/21, it is proposed that the autumn fortnight will begin on 5 October 2020.

- 4.7 In session 2019/20 Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 20 December 2019 and re-open for the spring term on Tuesday 7 January 2020. In session 2020/21 Christmas Day falls on a Friday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Wednesday 23 December 2020 and re-open for the spring term on Thursday 7 January 2021.
- 4.8 In session 2019/20 Good Friday is on Friday 10 April 2020 which falls within the holiday period. In session 2020/21 Good Friday is on Friday 2 April 2021 and will be a holiday.
- 4.9 In session 2019/20 the May Day holiday is on Monday 4 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 25 May 2020. In session 2020/21 the May Day holiday is on Monday 3 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 31 May 2021.
- 4.10 The end of session in 2019/20 will be Friday 26 June 2020. The end of session in 2020/21 will be Friday 2 July 2021. The summer holidays prior to the commencement of the 2020/21 session will be 7 weeks to allow for calendar slippage. School will recommence for session 2021/22 on Monday 17 August 2021.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk.
- 5.2 There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Council Management Team, teacher union representatives, support staff unions, and the appropriate Directors in Angus, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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Executive Director

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2019/20				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 12 August 2019	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 13 August 2019		
	End		Friday 4 October 2019		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 7 October 2019		
Holiday	End		Friday 18 October 2019		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 21 October 2019		
Term			Thursday 14 November 2019	Day 2	
			Friday 15 November 2019	Day 3	
	End		Friday 20 December 2019		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 23 December 2019		
Holiday	End		Monday 6 January 2020		
			(11 school days)		
Spring	Start		Tuesday 7 January 2020		
Term			Fri/Mon 14/17 February 2020 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 18 February 2020	Day 4	
	End		Friday 27 March 2020		56
Spring	Start		Monday 30 March 2020		
Holiday	End		Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday)		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 13 April 2020		
Term			Monday 4 May 2020 May Day		
			Friday 22 May 2020	Day 5	
			Monday 25 May 2020 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 26 June 2020		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2019/20

Closure Day 1	Monday 17 August 2019	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 14 November 2019	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 15 November 2019	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 18 February 2020	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Thursday 22 May 2020	Citywide

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	End		Friday 2 October 2020		34
Autumn	Start		Monday 5 October 2020		
Holiday	End		Friday 16 October 2020		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 19 October 2020		
Term			Thursday 12 November 2020	Day 2	
			Friday 13 November 2020	Day 3	
	End		Wednesday 23 December 2020		46
Christmas	Start		Thursday 24 December 2020		
Holiday	End		Wednesday 6 January 2021		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Thursday 7 January 2021		
Term			Fri/Mon 12/15 February 2021 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 16 February 2021	Day 4	
	End		Thursday 1 April 2021		58
Spring	Start		Friday 2 April 2021 (Good Friday)		
Holiday	End		Friday 16 April 2021		
			(11 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 19 April 2021		
Term			Monday 3 May 2021 May Day		
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CLOSURE DAYS 2020/21

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Closure Day 5	Thursday 6 May 2021	Citywide