

ITEM No ...4.....

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2023

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2025/26 AND 2026/27

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

REPORT NO: 187-2023

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 2025/26 and 2026/27.

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 2025/26 and 2026/27.

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 2025/26 and 2026/27 in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.
- 4.2 Reference is made to Article III of the Minute of the Meeting of the Children and Families Services Committee held on 10 May 2021 (report no. 154-2021 refers) where the start of sessions 2023/24 and 2024/25 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 2025/26, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 18 August 2025, 13 and 14 November 2025, 17 February 2026 and 22 May 2026. In session 2026/27 it is proposed that these dates should be 17 August 2026, 12 and 13 November 2026, 16 February 2027 and 28 May 2027.
- 4.5 It is proposed that, in 2025/26 the February mid-term holiday be held on 13 and 16 February 2026 with the in-service day following on 17 February 2026. In session 2026/27 it is proposed that these dates should be 12 and 15 February 2027 with the in-service day following on 16 February 2027.
- 4.6 Reference is made to Article II of the minute 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 2025/26, the autumn fortnight will begin on 6 October 2025. In session 2026/27, it is proposed that the autumn fortnight will begin on 12 October 2026.
- 4.7 In session 2025/26 Christmas Day falls on a Thursday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Tuesday 23 December 2025 and re-open for the spring term on Wednesday 7 January 2026. In session 2026/27 Christmas Day falls on a Friday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Wednesday 23 December 2026 and re-open for the spring term on Thursday 7 January 2027.

- 4.8 In session 2025/26 Good Friday is on Friday 3 April 2026. Schools will therefore close on Thursday 2 April and re-open after the spring break on Monday 20 April 2026. In session 2026/27 Good Friday is on Friday 26 March 2027. Schools will therefore close on Thursday 25 March and re-open after the spring break on Monday 12 April 2027.
- 4.9 In session 2025/26 the May Day holiday is on Monday 4 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 25 May 2026. In session 2026/27 the May Day holiday is on Monday 3 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 31 May 2027.
- 4.10 The end of session in 2025/26 will be Thursday 2 July 2026. The end of session in 2026/27 will be Friday 2 July 2027.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2025/26				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 18 August 2025	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 19 August 2025		
	End		Friday 3 October 2025		34
Autumn	Start		Monday 6 October 2025		
Holiday	End		Friday 17 October 2025		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 20 October 2025		
Term			Thursday 13 November 2025	Day 2	
			Friday 14 November 2025	Day 3	
	End		Tuesday 23 December 2025		45
Christmas	Start		Wednesday 24 December 2025		
Holiday	End		Tuesday 6 January 2026		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Wednesday 7 January 2026		
Term			Fri/Mon 13/16 February 2026 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 17 February 2026	Day 4	
	End		Thursday 2 April 2026		59
Spring	Start		Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)		
Holiday	End		Friday 17 April 2026		
			(11 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 20 April 2026		
Term			Monday 4 May 2026 May Day		
			Friday 22 May 2026	Day 5	
			Monday 25 May 2026 Victoria Day		
	End		Thursday 2 July 2026		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2025/26

Closure Day 1	Monday 18 August 2025	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 13 November 2025	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 14 November 2025	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 17 February 2026	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 22 May 2026	Citywide

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Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 17 August 2026	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 18 August 2026		
	End		Friday 9 October 2026		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 12 October 2026		
Holiday	End		Friday 23 October 2026		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 26 October 2026		
Term			Thursday 12 November 2026	Day 2	
			Friday 13 November 2026	Day 3	
	End		Wednesday 23 December 2026		41
Christmas	Start		Thursday 24 December 2026		
Holiday	End		Wednesday 6 January 2027		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Thursday 7 January 2027		
Term			Fri/Mon 12/15 February 2027 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 16 February 2027	Day 4	
	End		Thursday 25 March 2027		52
Spring	Start		Friday 26 March 2027 (Good Friday)		
Holiday	End		Friday 9 April 2027		
			(11 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 12 April 2027		
Term			Monday 3 May 2027 May Day		
			Friday 28 May 2027	Day 5	
			Monday 31 May 2027 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 2 July 2027		58
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2026/27

Closure Day 1	Monday 17 August 2026	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 12 November 2026	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 13 November 2026	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 16 February 2027	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 28 May 2027	Citywide