

REPORT TO: CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2025

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2027/28 AND 2028/29 AND AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2025/26

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

REPORT NO: 198-2025

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 2027/28 and 2028/29 and an amendment to the school terms and holidays 2025/26.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and approves

- a. the scheme (Appendix 1 refers) of school terms and holidays for sessions 2027/28 and 2028/29.
- b. the amendment to the school terms and holidays for session 2025/26, a change to the last day of session.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 This report seeks Committee approval for the school term and holidays for sessions 2027/28 and 2028/29 in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.
- 4.2 Reference is made to Article IV of the Minute of the Meeting of the Children and Families Services Committee held on 26 June 2023 (report no. 187-2023 refers) where the start of sessions 2025/26 and 2026/27 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 2027/28, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 16 August 2027, 11 and 12 November 2027, 15 February 2028 and 26 May 2028. In session 2028/29 it is proposed that these dates should be 14 August 2028, 16 and 17 November 2028, 13 February 2029 and 25 May 2029.
- 4.5 It is proposed that, in 2027/28 the February mid-term holiday be held on 11 and 14 February 2028 with the in-service day following on 15 February 2028. In session 2028/29 it is proposed that these dates should be 9 and 12 February 2029 with the in-service day following on 13 February 2029.
- 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 2027/28, the autumn fortnight will begin on 11 October 2027. In session 2028/29, it is proposed that the autumn fortnight will begin on 9 October 2028.
- 4.7 In session 2027/28 Christmas Day falls on a Saturday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Wednesday 22 December 2027 and re-open for the spring term on Thursday 6 January 2028. In session 2028/29 Christmas Day falls on a Monday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 22 December 2028 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 8 January 2029.

- 4.8 In session 2027/28 Good Friday is on Friday 14 April 2028. Schools will therefore close on Friday 31 March 2028 and re-open after the spring break on Monday 17 April 2028. In session 2028/29 Good Friday is on Friday 30 March 2029. Schools will therefore close on Thursday 29 March 2029 and re-open after the spring break on Monday 16 April 2029.
- 4.9 In session 2027/28 the May Day holiday is on Monday 1 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 29 May 2028. In session 2028/29 the May Day holiday is on Monday 7 May and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 28 May 2029.
- 4.10 The end of session in 2027/28 will be Thursday 29 June 2028. The end of session in 2028/29 will be Friday 29 June 2029.
- 4.11 In addition, this report seeks Committee approval for the amendment to the school term and holidays for session 2025/26.
- 4.12 The scheme proposes a school session of 195 days for teaching staff and 190 days for pupils, however, there is an error in the dates approved for session 2025/26. Reference is made to Article IV of the Minute of the Meeting of the Children and Families Services Committee held on 26 June 2023 (report no. 187-2023 refers) where the dates for 2025/26 were agreed.
- 4.13 The dates agreed have 189 days for pupils and as a result the last day of session 2025/26 will be amended from Thursday 2 July to Friday 3 July 2026 to ensure there are 190 days for pupils. The proposed amendment to include the additional day was the subject of consultation with all parties referred to in 6.1 below and no issues were raised.

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 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Council Leadership Team, Head Teacher representatives, 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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2027/28				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 16 August 2027	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 17 August 2027		
	End		Friday 8 October 2027		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 11 October 2027		
Holiday	End		Friday 22 October 2027		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 25 October 2027		
Term			Thursday 11 November 2027	Day 2	
			Friday 12 November 2027	Day 3	
	End		Wednesday 22 December 2027		41
Christmas	Start		Thursday 23 December 2027		
Holiday	End		Wednesday 5 January 2028		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Thursday 6 January 2028		
Term			Fri/Mon 11/14 February 2028 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 15 February 2028	Day 4	
	End		Friday 31 March 2028		59
Spring	Start		Monday 3 April 2028		
Holiday	End		Friday 14 April 2028		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 17 April 2028		
Term			Monday 1 May 2028 May Day		
			Friday 26 May 2028	Day 5	
			Monday 29 May 2028 Victoria Day		
	End		Thursday 29 June 2028		51
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2027/28

Closure Day 1	Monday 16 August 2027	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 11 November 2027	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 12 November 2027	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 15 February 2028	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 26 May 2028	Citywide

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Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 14 August 2028	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 15 August 2028		
	End		Friday 6 October 2028		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 9 October 2028		
Holiday	End		Friday 20 October 2028		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 23 October 2028		
Term			Thursday 16 November 2028	Day 2	
			Friday 17 November 2028	Day 3	
	End		Friday 22 December 2028		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 25 December 2028		
Holiday	End		Friday 5 January 2029		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 8 January 2029		
Term			Fri/Mon 9/12 February 2029 (Mid Term)		
			Tuesday 13 February 2029	Day 4	
	End		Thursday 29 March 2029		56
Spring	Start		Friday 30 March 2029 (Good Friday)		
Holiday	End		Friday 13 April 2029		
			(11 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 16 April 2029		
Term			Monday 7 May 2029 May Day		
			Friday 25 May 2029	Day 5	
			Monday 28 May 2029 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 29 June 2029		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2028/29

Closure Day 1	Monday 14 August 2028	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 16 November 2028	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 17 November 2028	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Tuesday 13 February 2029	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 25 May 2029	Citywide