

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2018

CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2019-2022

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ABSTRACT

This report gives an overview of the outcomes of a consultation exercise with parents and carers, school staff and unions and seeks full approval for school holiday dates for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Children and Learning Committee:

- (i) Approve in full the school holiday dates for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

The best start in life for children.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reference is made to Item 13 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 13 June 2017 which notes that the Committee agreed to authorise a consultation exercise on the draft schedule of school terms and holiday dates for sessions 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/22, as detailed in the Appendices to the Report.
- 3.2 This consultation exercise was undertaken in August/September 2017. Parents and carers, school staff and unions were asked if they agreed with the proposed school terms and holiday dates.
- 3.3 The consultation closed on 7 September 2017.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Five responses were received in total from parents and staff. This low response rate is likely due to the fact that the proposed term time structure follows an established pattern which has previously been subject to extensive consultation.
- 4.2 80% of respondents agreed with the proposed school terms and holiday dates.
- 4.3 20% of respondents disagreed in small part with the proposed school terms and holiday dates. This was principally concerning the fixing of the St Andrew's Day holiday to the first Friday after 30 November, especially when 30 November falls on Saturday or Sunday. Report 174/16 to the Policy and Resources Committee refers.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Full approval should now be given to the school terms and holiday dates for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 as outlined in Appendices 1, 2 and 3.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the terms of this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

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

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ANGUS COUNCIL CHILDREN AND LEARNING DIRECTORATE

School Terms and Holidays 2019/2020

Autumn Term

Tuesday 13 August 2019 – Staff Only (In-Service Closure Day 1)

Wednesday 14 August 2019 – Term starts

Full time commencement of P1 pupils 26 August 2019

Friday 4 October 2019 – Term ends

38 Pupil School Days

Autumn Holiday: Saturday 5 October 2019 to Sunday 20 October 2019

Winter Term

Monday 21 October 2019 – Term starts

Wednesday 4 December 2019 – In-Service Closure Day 2

Thursday 5 December 2019 – In Service Closure Day 3

Friday 6 December 2019 – St Andrew's Day Holiday

Friday 20 December 2019 – Term ends

42 Pupil Schools Days

Christmas Holiday: Saturday 21 December 2019 to Sunday 5 January 2020

Spring Term

Monday 6 January 2020 – Term starts

Thursday 13 February 2020 – In-Service Closure Day 4

Friday 14 February 2020 to Monday 17 February 2020 –Mid-Term Holidays

Friday 3 April 2020 – Term ends

62 Pupil School Days

Spring Holiday: Saturday 4 April 2020 to Sunday 19 April 2020
(includes Easter Monday – 13 April 2020)

Summer Term

Monday 20 April 2020 – Term starts

Monday 4 May 2020 – May Holiday

Monday 25 May 2020 – In- Service Closure Day 5

Friday 26 June 2020 – Term ends

48 Pupil School Days

Total: 190 Pupil School Days

Summer Holiday: Saturday 27 June 2020 to Monday 10 August 2020

ANGUS COUNCIL CHILDREN AND LEARNING DIRECTORATE

School Terms and Holidays 2020/2021

Autumn Term

Tuesday 11 August 2020 – Staff Only (In-Service Closure Day 1)

Wednesday 12 August 2020 – Term starts

Full time commencement of P1 pupils 24 August 2020

Friday 2 October 2020 – Term ends

38 Pupil School Days

Autumn Holiday: Saturday 3 October 2020 to Sunday 18 October 2020

Winter Term

Monday 19 October 2020 – Term starts

Wednesday 2 December 2020 – In-Service Closure Day 2

Thursday 3 December 2020 – In Service Closure Day 3

Friday 4 December 2020 – St Andrew's Day Holiday

Wednesday 23 December 2020 – Term ends

45 Pupil Schools Days

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 24 December 2020 to Tuesday 5 January 2021

Spring Term

Wednesday 6 January 2021 – Term starts

Thursday 11 February 2021 – In-Service Closure Day 4

Friday 12 February 2021 to Monday 15 February 2021 –Mid-Term Holidays

Friday 2 April 2021 – Term ends

60 Pupil School Days

Spring Holiday: Saturday 3 April 2021 to Sunday 18 April 2021
(includes Easter Monday – 5 April 2021)

Summer Term

Monday 19 April 2021 – Term starts

Monday 3 May 2021 – May Holiday

Monday 24 May 2021 – In- Service Closure Day 5

Thursday 24 June 2021 – Term ends

47 Pupil School Days

Total: 190 Pupil School Days

Summer Holiday: Friday 25 June 2021 to Monday 9 August 2021

ANGUS COUNCIL CHILDREN AND LEARNING DIRECTORATE

School Terms and Holidays 2021/2022

Autumn Term

Tuesday 10 August 2021 – Staff Only (In-Service Closure Day 1)

Wednesday 11 August 2021 – Term starts

Full time commencement of P1 pupils 23 August 2021

Friday 1 October 2021 – Term ends

38 Pupil School Days

Autumn Holiday: Saturday 2 October 2021 to Sunday 17 October 2021

Winter Term

Monday 18 October 2021 – Term starts

Wednesday 1 December 2021 – In-Service Closure Day 2

Thursday 2 December 2021 – In Service Closure Day 3

Friday 3 December 2021 – St Andrew's Day Holiday

Wednesday 22 December 2021 – Term ends

45 Pupil Schools Days

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 23 December 2021 to Sunday 9 January 2022

Spring Term

Monday 10 January 2022 – Term starts

Thursday 10 February 2022 – In-Service Closure Day 4

Friday 11 February 2022 to Monday 14 February 2022 –Mid-Term Holidays

Friday 1 April 2022 – Term ends

57 Pupil School Days

Spring Holiday: Saturday 2 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022
(includes Easter Monday – 18 April 2022)

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April 2022 – Term starts

Monday 2 May 2022 – May Holiday

Monday 30 May 2022 – In- Service Closure Day 5

Wednesday 29 June 2022 – Term ends

50 Pupil School Days

Total: 190 Pupil School Days

Summer Holiday: Thursday 30 June 2022 to Sunday 14 August 2022