

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020-2021

**REPORT BY KELLY MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND
LIFELONG LEARNING**

ABSTRACT

This report seeks permission to amend the school holiday dates for session 2020-2021 to take account of Report No 219/20 agreed by Angus Council at its meeting on 10 September 2020

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Children and Learning Committee:

- (i) Approve an amendment to school holiday dates for 2020/21 to take account of the additional day holiday for all Angus Council Employees agreed by Angus Council at its meeting on 10 September 2020.

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

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the **Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan** and **Locality Plans**:

- The best start in life for children
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Children and Learning Committee held on 13 June 2017, 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.
- 3.2 Full approval was given to the school terms and holiday dates for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 at the Children and Learning Committee held in January 2018, Report 2/18 (see Appendices 1,2,3).
- 3.3 One additional day of annual leave for all Angus Council Employees was agreed at a meeting of Angus Council on 10 September 2020.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 There is a requirement for children to attend school 190 days each session. A school session runs from August of one year to June of the next year i.e. 11 August 2020 to 24 June 2021.
- 4.2 Permission needs to be sought, in writing, from the Scottish Government to approve any reduction to the 190 days pupils are entitled to attend school. It is highly likely any request will be reviewed, in light of, the perceived disruption to children and young people's education due to restrictions in place for the Covid-19 virus.
- 4.3 Consultation with Angus Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers and other trade unions has taken place. This consultation process indicated that trade unions are supportive of the proposals outlined in section 5.

5. PROPOSALS

5.1 To minimise disruption to children's learning it is proposed that the special leave day is split in to two half days as follows:-

- Special Leave Day - Wednesday 23 December 2020 PM – School Closes at lunchtime
- Special Leave Day – Thursday 24 June 2021 PM – School Closes at lunchtime

This would mean the early closure of schools in Angus. This was a previously established practice and will be familiar to many school staff and families.

5.2 Note that above proposal will not require approval from the Scottish Government.

5.3 Approval should now be given to the amended school terms and holiday dates for 2020/21 2021/22 as outlined in Appendix 4

5.4 Alternative bespoke arrangements will be made for staff working within Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings if, due to the ELC delivery model in place, the use of the two half days proposed in 5.1 is not appropriate.

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

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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

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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

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