

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2015/2016

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The major school holiday arrangements for Argyll and Bute for session 2015/2016 require to be set by the Council.
- 1.2 Members are asked to agree a framework for the main school holiday periods in Argyll and Bute into which other related dates – in-service days and local holidays will be incorporated.
- 1.3 Proposals for the main school holiday periods in Argyll and Bute is attached as Appendix 1. They take appropriate account of the arrangements outlined by other authorities and in consultations with appropriate Unions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is asked to agree that:
 - a) the proposals for school holiday arrangements in session 2015/2016 be accepted
 - b) the incorporation of in-service and additional holidays agreed by the Executive Director be intimated to Area Committees
 - c) the final patterns of school holidays and in-service days be circulated widely thereafter to all interested parties.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Education have contacted neighbouring authorities to co-ordinate holiday dates but at the time of going to Council neither West Dunbartonshire or Glasgow had set their holidays for 2015-16. Argyll and Bute have sent a copy of this proposal to both these authorities for their consideration when setting their core holidays.
- 3.2 Copies of the school holiday proposals have been circulated to the relevant unions and teachers' professional associations for consultation and comment. The proposals have their support.
- 3.3 Once the proposals for school holidays in 2015/2016 have been agreed, they will be circulated to all head teachers to have the dates of the

remaining in-service days and the dates of the five local holidays agreed in consultation with Parent Councils and incorporated.

- 3.4 The completed school holiday arrangements will then be intimated to all members and thereafter to all relevant parties.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The wider discussion amongst local authorities has resulted in a proposed school holiday pattern which minimises variation between neighbouring councils yet broadly takes account of historical school holiday arrangements in Argyll and Bute.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy - None
- 5.2 Financial - None
- 5.3 Legal - None
- 5.4 HR - None
- 5.5 Equalities - None
- 5.6 Risk - None
- 5.7 Customer Service – School holidays will be made available to public via Council website.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 School Holiday Arrangements 2015/2016

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TERM	BREAK	DATES OF ATTENDANCE		HOLIDAY TOTAL	WORKING DAYS TEACHER
First		Closed	14 August 2015	1	
		Closed	17 August 2015 Teachers' In-service Day		
		Open	18 August 2015 Pupils Return		
	October	Close	9 October 2015	5 (6)	40
		Open	19 October 2015		
	Christmas	Close	22 December 2015	10 (16)	47 (87)
Second		Open	6 January 2016		
		Close	18 February 2016	1 (17)	32 (119)
		Open	22 February 2016		
	Easter	Close	24 March 2016	2 (19)	24 (143)
		Open	29 March 2016		
	Spring	Close	1 April 2016	10 (29)	4 (147)
Third		Open	18 April 2016		
	May	Close	29 April 2016	1(30)	10 (157)
		Open	3 May 2016		
		Close	30 June 2016		43 (200)

Minus 5 local Holidays *		-5
		195

*Please note – an additional 5 local holidays are to be agreed in consultation with Area Committees.