

**To:** Education and Children's Services Policy Board

**On:** 9 June 2022

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**Report by:** Director of Children's Services

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**Heading:** School Holiday Arrangements School Session 2023/2024

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1. The Education and Children's Services Policy Board is asked to determine the pattern of school holiday arrangements for the school session beginning August 2023.
  - 1.2. In line with consultation arrangements, three possible proposals were circulated to staff, parent councils, pupil councils, teaching and other trade unions for consideration.
  - 1.3. The school holiday proposal preferred by the majority of consultees is detailed in appendix 1 to this report with appendices 2 and 3 showing the holiday patterns less favoured. Appendix 4 is a summary of consultation responses.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Members of the Education and Children's Services Policy Board are asked to authorise the director of children's services to set school holiday arrangements for academic year 2023/2024 in line with appendix 1 to this report.
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## **3. Background**

- 3.1. Each year the Education and Children's Services Policy Board is asked to determine a framework for school holiday arrangements for the session beginning in August of the following year.
- 3.2. Consultation has taken place with staff, parent councils, pupil councils, teaching and other trade unions for consideration on three possible proposals. The preferred proposal is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

- 3.3. The recommended arrangements attached are the best match possible to those being considered by neighbouring councils given the varying fair holiday arrangements.
- 3.4. The proposed patterns meet, where possible, the majority of the desirable features which are:
- aligning the dates of major holidays with those of neighbouring councils;
  - providing a two week break at Christmas, including Christmas eve;
  - providing a mid-term break in February; and
  - providing a two week school holiday in spring.
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## **Implications of this report**

**1. Financial Implications**

None.

**2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**

None.

**3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**

None.

**4. Legal Implications**

None.

**5. Property/Assets Implications**

None.

**6. Information Technology Implications**

None.

**7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

**8. Health and Safety Implications**

None.

**9. Procurement Implications**

None.

**10. Risk Implications**

None.

- 11. **Privacy Impact**  
None.
  - 12. **Cosla Policy Position**  
None.
  - 13. **Climate Risk**  
None
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### **List of Background Papers**

- (a) Background Paper 1: Proposed School Holiday Arrangements – 2022/2023

The foregoing background papers will be retained within children's services for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is (Laura Baillie, Resources Support Manager, 07970876292 [laura.baillie@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.baillie@renfrewshire.gov.uk))

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Renfrewshire Council			Appendix 1
			2 in-service days on return in August
			1 Day St Andrews Day
Proposed School Holiday Arrangements			Finish Friday 22 December 2023
			2 Day February Break
			1 Day Start of May
			May In-Service Day to take account election day
School Session 2023/2024			2 day End of May
			Finish Thursday 27 June 2024
			In-Service Days after Holidays (except for August IS)
Option B			
Term	Break	Dates of Attendance	
First		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Monday 14 August 2023 (IS)
		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Tuesday 15 August 2023 (IS)
		Schools Re-Open	Wednesday 16 August 2023
	Local Holiday/Closed	Schools Closed	Friday 22 September 2023
		Schools Closed	Monday 25 September 2023
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 26 September 2023
	Mid Term	Schools Closed	Monday 16 October 2023
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 17 October 2023
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 18 October 2023
		Schools Closed	Thursday 19 October 2023
		Schools Closed	Friday 20 October 2023
		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Monday 23 October 2023 (IS)
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 24 October 2023
	St Andrew's Day	Schools Closed	Thursday 30 November 2023
		Schools Re-open	Friday 1 December 2023
	Christmas	Schools Closed	Monday 25 December 2023
Second		Schools Closed	Tuesday 26 December 2023
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 27 December 2023
		Schools Closed	Thursday 28 December 2023
		Schools Closed	Friday 29 December 2023
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		Schools Closed	Thursday 4 January 2024
		Schools Closed	Friday 5 January 2024
		Schools Re-Open	Monday 8 January 2024
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		Schools Closed	Tuesday 13 February 2024
		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Wednesday 14 February 2024 (IS)
		Schools Re-Open	Thursday 15 February 2024
	Spring	Schools Closed	Friday 29 March 2024
		Schools Closed	Monday 1 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 2 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 3 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Thursday 4 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Friday 5 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Monday 8 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 9 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 10 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Thursday 11 April 2024
		Schools Closed	Friday 12 April 2024
		Schools Re-Open	Monday 15 April 2024
Third		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Thursday 2 May 2024 (IS) - Election Day
	May Day	Schools Closed	Monday 6 May 2024
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 7 May 2024
	Local Holiday/Closed	Schools Closed	Friday 24 May 2024
		Schools Closed	Monday 27 May 2024
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 28 May 2024
	End of session	Schools Closed	Friday 28 June 2024
	Teachers Return -	Wednesday 14 August 2024	
(IS) - In-Service Day			
In-Service Days	(Only Staff Attend on these days - No Pupils)		
	Monday	14/08/23	
	Tuesday	15/08/23	
	Monday	23/10/23	
	Wednesday	14/02/24	
	Thursday	02/05/24	

Renfrewshire Council		APPENDIX 2	
		2 in-service days on return in August	
		1 Day St Andrews Day	
Proposed School Holiday Arrangements		Finish Friday 22 December 2023	
		2 Day February Break	
		1 Day Start of May	
		May In-Service Day to take account election day	
School Session 2023/2024		2 day End of May	
		Finish Thursday 27 June 2024	
		In-Service Days before Holidays	
Option A			
Term	Break	Dates of Attendance	
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		1 Day Start of May	
		May In-Service Day to take account election day	
		2 Day Start of May Holiday	
		Finish Thursday 27 June 2024	
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Option C			
Term	Break	Dates of Attendance	
First		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Monday 14 August 2023 (IS)
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	Friday	09/02/24	
	Thursday	02/05/24	

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<b>Secondary schools</b>	<b>Option A</b>			<b>Option B</b>			<b>Option C</b>		
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Parent Council</b>	<b>Pupil Council</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Parent Council</b>	<b>Pupil Council</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Parent Council</b>	<b>Pupil Council</b>
Castlehead High School - NO PREFERENCE				X		X			
Gleniffer High School									
Gryffe High School				X		X		X	
Johnstone High School				X		X		X	
Linwood High School				X					
Paisley Grammar									
Park Mains High School				X				X	
Renfrew High School							X		
St Andrew's Academy									
St Benedict's High School				X	X	X			
Trinity High School - NO PREFERENCE									
<b>Primary schools</b>									
Arkleston Primary School									
Auchenlodment Primary School - ELCC									
Bargarran Primary School				X	X				
Barsail Primary School				X	X	X			
Bishopton Primary School							X	X	X
Brediland Primary School									
Bridge of Weir Primary School - ELCC			X	X				X	
Bushes Primary School - ELCC				X		X		X	
Cochrane Castle Primary ELCC									
Dargavel Primary School									
East Fulton Primary School - ELCC				X					
Fordbank Primary School				X	X	X			
Gallowhill Primary School - Nursery									
Glencoats Primary School									
Heriot Primary School - Nursery				X					
Houston Primary School - Nursery							X	X	X
Howwood Primary School						X	X	X	
Inchinnan Primary School				X	X	X			
Kilbarchan Primary School						X	X	X	
Kirklandneuk Primary School						X	X	X	
Langbank Primary School								X	
Langcraigs Primary School	X				X	X			
Lochfield Primary School				X					
Lochwinnoch Primary School - ELCC									
Mossvale Primary School - ELCC		X	X	X					
Newmains Primary School									
Our Lady of Peace Primary School - ELCC				X		X			
Ralston Primary School - ELCC	X	X				X			
Rashielea Primary School									
St Anne's Primary School - ELCC				X	X	X			
St Anthony's Primary School	X	X	X						
St Catherine's Primary School - ELCC									
St Charles' Primary School - ELCC									
St David's Primary School									
St Fergus' Primary School				X	X	X			
St Fillan's Primary School									
St James' Primary School (Paisley)									
St James' Primary School (Renfrew) - ELCC				X	X				
St John Bosco Primary School - ELCC				X	X				
St John Ogilvie Primary School									
St Margaret's Primary School - ELCC									
St Mary's Primary School - ELCC									
St Paul's Primary School									
St Peter's Primary School - ELCC				X	X	X			
Thorn Primary School								X	
Todholm Primary School - ELCC	X			X		X			
Wallace Primary School - ELCC	X								
West Primary School				X	X	X			
Williamsburgh Primary School - ELCC				X				X	
Woodlands Primary School	X	X	X						
<b>TOTAL</b>									
<b>ASN schools</b>									
Riverbrae School									
Mary Russell School									
<b>TOTAL</b>									
<b>Pre-5 Centres</b>									
Douglas Street Early Learning and Childcare Centre	X								
Ferguslie Early Learning and Childcare Centre							X		
Foxlea Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
Glenburn Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
Glendee Early Learning and Childcare Centre	X								
Glenfield Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
Hugh Smiley Early Learning and Childcare Centre	X	X	X						
Moorpark Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
Paisley Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
Spateston Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
West Johnstone Early Learning and Childcare Centre									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>