
To: Education and Children Policy Board

On: 10 March 2016

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: School Holiday Arrangements School Session 2017 - 2018

1. Summary

- 1.1. The education and children policy board is asked to determine the pattern of school holiday arrangements for the school session beginning August 2017.
 - 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. In previous years each school, pupil council and parent council were each allocated one vote. Following consultation with trade unions it was agreed, to allow parity within the various sectors, that a weighting system based on the numbers of pupils in each school be applied. This will operate as a pilot for the 2017/18 holiday arrangements. It was agreed that for up to the first 100 pupils 1 vote would be applied, thereafter 1 vote for every subsequent 100 pupils. Pupil council and parent council's for each establishment would still maintain their previous allocation (illustrated in appendix 5).
 - 1.4. The outcome of this consultation exercise is attached as appendix 4 to this report.
 - 1.5. 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.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the education and children policy board are asked to authorise the director of children's services to set school holiday arrangements for academic year 2017/2018 in line with appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2. Members of the education and children policy board are asked to note the implementation of the consultation weighting system as a pilot for the 2017/18 holiday arrangements.

3. Background

- 3.1. Each year the education and children 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 teaching and other unions, parent councils, pupil councils, head teachers and staff 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.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper 1: Proposed School Holiday Arrangements – 2016/2017.

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 (Alison Gallagher, Resources Manager, 0141 618 7240, alison.gallagher@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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Appendix 1

Renfrewshire Council			
			2 in-service days on return in August
			1 Day St Andrews Day
Proposed School Holiday Arrangements			Finish 20 December 2018
			2 Day February Break
2017/2018			Finish 27 June 2018
			Inservice days before holidays
Option A			
Term	Break	Dates of Attendance	
First		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 11 August 2017 (IS)
		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Monday 14 August 2017 (IS)
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 15 August 2017
	Local Holiday/Closed	Schools Closed	Friday 22 September 2017
		Schools Closed	Monday 25 September 2017
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 26 September 2017
	Mid Term	In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 13 October 2017 (IS)
		Schools Closed	Monday 16 October 2017
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 17 October 2017
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 18 October 2017
		Schools Closed	Thursday 19 October 2017
		Schools Closed	Friday 20 October 2017
		Schools Re-Open	Monday 23 October 2017
	St Andrew's Day	Schools Closed	Thursday 30 November 2017
		Schools Re-open	Friday 1 December 2017
	Christmas	Schools Closed	Thursday 21 December 2017
Second		Schools Closed	Friday 22 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Monday 25 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 26 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 27 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Thursday 28 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Friday 29 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Monday 1 January 2017
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 2 January 2017
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 3 January 2017
		Schools Re-Open	Thursday 4 January 2018
	Mid-Term	In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 9 February 2018 (IS)
		Schools Closed	Monday 12 February 2018
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 13 February 2018
		Schools Re-Open	Wednesday 14 February 2018
	Spring	Schools Closed	Friday 30 March 2018
		Schools Closed	Monday 2 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 3 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 4 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Thursday 5 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Friday 6 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Monday 9 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 10 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 11 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Thursday 12 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Friday 13 April 2018
		Schools Re-Open	Monday 16 April 2018
Third	May Day	In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 4 May 2018 (IS)
		Schools Closed	Monday 7 May 2018
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 8 May 2018
	Local Holiday/Closed	Schools Closed	Friday 25 May 2018
		Schools Closed	Monday 28 May 2018
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 29 May 2018
	End of session	Schools Closed	Thursday 28 June 2018
Teachers Return -		Monday 13 August 2018	
(IS) - In-Service Day			
In-Service Days		(Only Staff Attend on these days - No Pupils)	
	Friday	11/08/17	
	Monday	14/08/17	
	Friday	13/10/17	
	Friday	09/02/18	
	Friday	04/05/18	

Appendix 2

Renfrewshire Council			
			2 in-service days on return in August
			Finish 20 December 2018
Proposed School Holiday Arrangements			2 Day February Break
			Finish 26 June 2018
2017/2018			Inservice days before holidays
Option B			
Term	Break	Dates of Attendance	
First		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 11 August 2017 (IS)
		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Monday 14 August 2017 (IS)
		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 15 August 2017
	Local Holiday/Closed	Schools Closed	Friday 22 September 2017
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	Christmas	Schools Closed	Thursday 21 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Friday 22 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Monday 25 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 26 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 27 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Thursday 28 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Friday 29 December 2017
		Schools Closed	Monday 1 January 2017
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 2 January 2017
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 3 January 2017
		Schools Re-Open	Thursday 4 January 2018
Second			
	Mid-Term	In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 9 February 2018 (IS)
		Schools Closed	Monday 12 February 2018
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 13 February 2018
		Schools Re-Open	Wednesday 14 February 2018
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		Schools Re-Open	Tuesday 29 May 2018
	End of session	Schools Closed	Wednesday 27 June 2018
Teachers Return - Monday 13 August 2018			
(IS) - In-Service Day			
In-Service Days (Only Staff Attend on these days - No Pupils)			
	Friday	11/08/17	
	Monday	14/08/17	
	Friday	13/10/17	
	Friday	09/02/18	
	Friday	04/05/18	

Appendix 3

Renfrewshire Council			
			2 in-service days on return in August
			1 Day St Andrews Day
Proposed School Holiday Arrangements			Finish 20 December 2018
			2 Day February Break
2017/2018			Finish 27 June 2018
			Inservice days after holidays
Option C			
Term	Break	Dates of Attendance	
First		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Friday 11 August 2017 (IS)
		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Monday 14 August 2017 (IS)
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		Schools Closed	Monday 1 January 2017
		Schools Closed	Tuesday 2 January 2017
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 3 January 2017
		Schools Re-Open	Thursday 4 January 2018
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		Schools Closed	Tuesday 10 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Wednesday 11 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Thursday 12 April 2018
		Schools Closed	Friday 13 April 2018
		Schools Re-Open	Monday 16 April 2018
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		In-Service Day - Closed for Pupils Only	Tuesday 8 May 2018 (IS)
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	Monday	14/08/17	
	Monday	23/10/17	
	Wednesday	14/02/18	
	Tuesday	08/05/18	

Appendix 4

2017/18				Option A				Option B				Option C			
Sector	School	Roll	School Vote	School/ Pre5	Parent Council	Pupil Council	Total	School/ Pre5	Parent Council	Pupil Council	Total	School/ Pre5	Parent Council	Pupil Council	Total
Secondary	Castlehead High School	680	7		1	1	2				0	1			7
Secondary	Gleniffer High School	1166	12				0				0				0
Secondary	Gryffe High School	953	10	1	1		11				0				0
Secondary	Johnstone High School	938	9				0				0				0
Secondary	Linwood High School	422	4				0				0				0
Secondary	Paisley Grammar School	879	9				0				0				0
Secondary	Park Mains High School	1322	13				0				0				0
Secondary	Renfrew High School	800	8		1	1	2				0	1			8
Secondary	St Andrew's Academy	1348	13				0				0				0
Secondary	St Benedict's High School	661	7			1	1	1			7				0
Secondary	Trinity High School	784	8	1	1	1	10				0				0
Primary	Arkleston PS	327	3				0				0				0
Primary	Auchenlodment PS	192	2				0				0				0
Primary	Bargarran PS	251	3			1	1				0	1	1		4
Primary	Barsail PS	317	3	1		1	4		1		1				0
Primary	Bishopton PS	383	4				0				0				0
Primary	Brediland PS	285	3				0				0				0
Primary	Bridge of Weir PS	429	4				0				0		1		1
Primary	Bushes PS	344	3				0				0	1	1	1	5
Primary	Cochrane Castle PS	177	2				0				0	1	1		3
Primary	East Fulton PS	221	2				0				0				0
Primary	Fordbank PS	190	2				0				0				0
Primary	Gallowhill PS	245	2				0				0				0
Primary	Glencoats PS	239	2				0				0				0
Primary	Heriot PS	250	3				0				0				0
Primary	Houston PS	481	5	1	1	1	7				0				0
Primary	Howwood PS	111	1		1		1				0	1			1
Primary	Inchinnan PS	124	1				0				0	1	1	1	3
Primary	Kilbarchan PS	249	2				0				0	1		1	3
Primary	Kirklandneuk PS	426	4				0				0				0
Primary	Langbank PS	72	1				0				0	1	1	1	3
Primary	Langcraigs PS	280	3	1	1	1	5				0				0
Primary	Lochfield PS	241	2	1	1	1	4				0				0
Primary	Lochwinnoch PS	266	3				0				0				0
Primary	Mossvale PS	198	2				0				0				0
Primary	Newmains PS	376	4	1	1	1	6				0				0
Primary	Our Lady of Peace PS	226	2				0				0				0
Primary	Ralston PS	382	4				0				0	1	1	1	6
Primary	Rashielea PS	352	4				0				0				0
Primary	St Anne's PS	201	2			1	1				0	1	1		3
Primary	St Anthony's PS	192	2		1	1	2				0				0
Primary	St Catherine's	162	2				0				0				0
Primary	St Charles' PS	380	4				0				0				0
Primary	St David's PS	64	1	1	1		2			1	1				0
Primary	St Fergus' PS	126	1				0				0				0
Primary	St Fillan's PS	140	1				0				0	1	1	1	3
Primary	St James' PS - Pais	155	2				0		1		1	1		1	3
Primary	St James' PS - Ren	514	5	1	1	1	7				0				0
Primary	St John Bosco PS	166	2				0				0				0
Primary	St John Ogilvie PS	172	2	1	1		3			1	1				0
Primary	St Margaret's PS	215	2				0				0		1		1
Primary	St Mary's PS	250	3	1	1	1	5				0				0
Primary	St Paul's PS	152	2				0				0				0
Primary	St Peter's PS	242	2				0				0				0
Primary	Thorn PS	234	2				0				0				0
Primary	Todholm PS	382	4				0				0				0
Primary	Wallace PS	336	3			1	1				0				0
Primary	West PS	450	5		1	1	2	1			5				0
Primary	Williamsburgh PS	431	4				0				0				0
Primary	Woodlands PS	318	3				0				0				0
ASN	Clippens School	67	1				0				0				0
ASN	Kersland School	94	1				0				0				0
ASN	The Mary Russell School	203	2	1	1	1	4				0				0
Pre-5	Auchenlodment Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Bridge of Weir Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Bushes Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0	1		N/A	1
Pre-5	East Fulton Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Gallowhill Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Heriot Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Houston Nursery	N/A	N/A	1		N/A	1			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Lochwinnoch Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Mossvale Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Our Lady of Peace Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Ralston Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0	1		N/A	1
Pre-5	St Anne's Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0	1		N/A	1
Pre-5	St Catherine's Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	St Charles' Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	St John Bosco Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	St Margaret's Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	St Mary's Nursery	N/A	N/A	1		N/A	1			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	St Peter's Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Todholm Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Wallace Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0	1		N/A	1
Pre-5	West Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0	1		N/A	1			N/A	0
Pre-5	Williamsburgh Nursery	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Douglas Street Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Ferguslie Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Foxlea Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Glenburn Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Glendee Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Glenfield Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Hollybush Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0		1	N/A	1	1		N/A	1
Pre-5	Hugh Smiley Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Moorpark Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Paisley Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	Spateston Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
Pre-5	West Johnstone Pre-5 Centre	N/A	N/A			N/A	0			N/A	0			N/A	0
OVERALL TOTALS					81		0		17		0		59		0

Pupil Numbers	School Vote	Pupil Council Vote	Parent Council Vote
Up to 100 pupils	1	1	1
101 - 200	2	1	1
201 - 300	3	1	1
301 - 400	4	1	1
401 - 500	5	1	1
501 - 600	6	1	1
601 - 700	7	1	1
701 - 800	8	1	1
801 - 900	9	1	1
901 – 1000	10	1	1
1001 – 1100	11	1	1
1101 - 1200	12	1	1
1201 – 1300	13	1	1
1301 – 1400	14	1	1
1401 – 1500	15	1	1
1501 - 1600	16	1	1