
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	31 August 2021
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	Report No:	EDUCOM/36/21/RB
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Subject:	Changes to school holidays for academic year 2021/22 taking into consideration the additional bank holiday for HM Platinum Jubilee		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to agree in principle to change the school holidays to accommodate the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The UK Government has announced that the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 02 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the current local schools holiday on Monday 30 May 2022 is moved to Thursday 02 June 2022 for school staff and pupils and that (if agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee) a new Public and Council holiday created on Friday 03 June 2022 is an exceptional closure day.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 outlines the current school holidays for academic year 2021/22. Appendix 2 outlines the proposed arrangements.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Education and Communities Committee is asked to agree:
- The new school holiday dates in principle (subject to final confirmation at Policy and Resources Committee)
 - That officers write to the Scottish Government seeking permission for the change of the school year from 190 days to 189 days.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Her Majesty The Queen celebrates 70 years as Monarch – the first time any British Monarch has reached this historic milestone.
- 4.2 The UK Government has announced that the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- 4.3 School holidays for 2022 include a late May holiday with schools scheduled to be closed on Friday 27 and Monday 30 May 2022 with pupils set to return to class on Tuesday 31 May 2022.
- 4.4 Across the UK, the late May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 02 June 2022 and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.
- 4.5 Whilst initially advice was received from the Scottish Government that local authorities would not be expected to move the school year from 190 days to 189, this advice has now been superseded and the Scottish Government have indicated that they are willing to consider approaches from local authorities for an exceptional closure day

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the current local schools holiday on Monday 30 May 2022 is moved to Thursday 02 June 2022 for school staff and pupils and that (if agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee) a new public and council holiday created on Friday 03 June 2022 is an exceptional closure day.
- 5.2 If the additional day holiday is proposed in principle then officers will seek permission from The Scottish Government for this.
- 5.3 Appendix 1 outlines the current school holidays for academic year 2021/22.
- 5.4 Appendix 2 outlines the proposed changes.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

There are no financial implications from this report

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Legal

N/A.

6.3 Human Resources

N/A.

6.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

6.5 Repopulation

N/A.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The school dates are negotiated through LNCT. The holiday dates were considered at the Chairs of Parent Council meeting on 23 August 2021.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 N/A.

Education Services

Term	School Term Dates, In-Service Days & Local Holidays - Session 2021/2022		Working Days (Teachers)
First	<p style="color: blue;">In-Service Day</p> <p style="color: blue;">In-Service Day</p> <p style="color: purple;">Pupils Return</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p> <p style="color: red;">Local Holiday</p> <p style="color: black;">Re-Open</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p> <p style="color: red;">October Break</p> <p style="color: blue;">In-Service Day</p> <p style="color: purple;">Pupils Return</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p>	<p style="color: blue;">Monday, 16 August 2021</p> <p style="color: blue;">Tuesday, 17 August 2021</p> <p style="color: purple;">Wednesday, 18 August 2021</p> <p style="color: black;">Friday, 03 September 2021</p> <p style="color: red;">Monday, 06 September 2021</p> <p style="color: black;">Tuesday, 07 September 2021</p> <p style="color: black;">Friday, 08 October 2021</p> <p style="color: red;">Monday, 11 October 2021 to Friday 15 October 2021 (inclusive)</p> <p style="color: blue;">Monday, 18 October 2021</p> <p style="color: purple;">Tuesday, 19 October 2021</p> <p style="color: black;">Wednesday, 22 December 2021</p>	87
Second	<p style="color: black;">Re-Open</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p> <p style="color: red;">Mid-Term</p> <p style="color: red;">Mid-Term</p> <p style="color: blue;">In-Service Day</p> <p style="color: purple;">Pupils Return</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p>	<p style="color: black;">Thursday, 06 January 2022</p> <p style="color: black;">Friday, 11 February 2022</p> <p style="color: red;">Monday, 14 February 2022</p> <p style="color: red;">Tuesday, 15 February 2022</p> <p style="color: blue;">Wednesday, 16 February 2022</p> <p style="color: purple;">Thursday, 17 February 2022</p> <p style="color: black;">Friday, 01 April 2022</p>	(147) 60
Third	<p style="color: red;">Spring Break</p> <p style="color: purple;">Good Friday</p> <p style="color: purple;">Easter Monday</p> <p style="color: black;">Re-Open</p> <p style="color: orange;">May Day</p> <p style="color: blue;">In-Service Day</p> <p style="color: purple;">Pupils return</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p> <p style="color: red;">Local Holiday</p> <p style="color: red;">Local Holiday</p> <p style="color: purple;">Pupils Return</p> <p style="color: black;">Close</p>	<p style="color: red;">Monday, 04 April 2022 to Monday, 18 April 2022 (inclusive)</p> <p style="color: purple;">Friday, 15 April 2022</p> <p style="color: purple;">Monday, 18 April 2022</p> <p style="color: black;">Tuesday, 19 April 2022</p> <p style="color: orange;">Monday, 02 May 2022</p> <p style="color: blue;">Tuesday, 03 May 2022</p> <p style="color: purple;">Wednesday, 04 May 2022</p> <p style="color: black;">Thursday, 26 May 2022</p> <p style="color: red;">Friday, 27 May 2022</p> <p style="color: red;">Monday, 30 May 2022</p> <p style="color: purple;">Tuesday, 31 May 2022</p> <p style="color: black;">Tuesday, 28 June 2022</p>	(195) 48

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First	In-Service Day In-Service Day Pupils Return Close Local Holiday Re-Open Close October Break In-Service Day Pupils Return Close	Monday, 16 August 2021 Tuesday, 17 August 2021 Wednesday, 18 August 2021 Friday, 03 September 2021 Monday, 06 September 2021 Tuesday, 07 September 2021 Friday, 08 October 2021 Monday, 11 October 2021 to Friday 15 October 2021 (inclusive) Monday, 18 October 2021 Tuesday, 19 October 2021 Wednesday, 22 December 2021	87
Second	Re-Open Close Mid-Term Mid-Term In-Service Day Pupils Return Close	Thursday, 06 January 2022 Friday, 11 February 2022 Monday, 14 February 2022 Tuesday, 15 February 2022 Wednesday, 16 February 2022 Thursday, 17 February 2022 Friday, 01 April 2022	(147) 60
Third	Spring Break Good Friday Easter Monday Re-Open May Day In-Service Day Pupils return Close Local Holiday Re-Open Local Holiday Queen's Jubilee Close	Monday, 04 April 2022 to Monday, 18 April 2022 (inclusive) Friday, 15 April 2022 Monday, 18 April 2022 Tuesday, 19 April 2022 Monday, 02 May 2022 Tuesday, 03 May 2022 Wednesday, 04 May 2022 Thursday, 26 May 2022 Friday, 27 May 2022 Monday, 30 May 2022 Thursday, 2 June 2022 Friday, 3 June 2022 Tuesday, 28 June 2022	(195) 48