

ITEM No 7

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Date 9 October 2008

Our Ref S&CS/PIU/GD

Dear Sir/Madam

SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2010/11

As part of the Department's commitment to annual consultation on School Session Dates, I attach a copy of the proposed dates for Session 2010/11.

The attached draft dates will be presented to the Consultative Committee with Parents on Tuesday 4 November for comment.

The school session must comprise a statutory minimum of 190 days for pupil attendance. Teaching staff are employed for a total of 195 days per session.

In addition, Edinburgh recognises, **wherever possible**, the following criteria when setting session dates:

- Session to end before the beginning of the Trades Holiday, normally the first Saturday in July.
- Two In-Service days for staff at the beginning of the session
- Provision for local holidays
- A one week break during the third week in October (ie the week preceding the last Thursday in October)
- 2 full weeks' holiday at Christmas
- Date of SQA examinations
- First two full weeks in April for Spring Break

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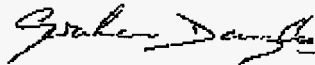
In previous consultations, teaching unions and many schools noted that a break of one week in February was preferred to a shorter break in order to benefit children at a time when pupils and staff can be more prone to illness.

Representatives from the four ex-Lothian Authorities met to discuss harmonisation of Session Dates for 2010/11. It was agreed that harmonisation on the main dates could take place but total harmonisation was impossible because of local holidays and differences in In-Service days.

Two formats of the Draft Session Dates are given in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

You are asked to consider the draft dates and return any comments to me by Friday, 12 December 2008.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Douglas', written in a cursive style.

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Draft School Session Dates 2010/11

Staff resume		Monday	16 August *	2010
Staff only		Tuesday	17 August *	2010
Pupils resume		Wednesday	18 August	2010
Autumn Holiday	Schools closed	Monday	20 September	2010
All resume		Tuesday	21 September	2010
Mid-term	All break	Friday	15 October	2010
	Staff resume	Monday	25 October*	2010
	Pupils resume	Tuesday	26 October	2010
Term ends		Thursday	23 December	2010

Staff resume		Monday	10 January*	2011
Pupils resume		Tuesday	11 January	2011
Mid-term	All break	Friday	11 February	2011
	All resume	Monday	21 February	2011
Term ends		Friday	8 April	2011

Spring Holiday	Schools closed	Monday	18 April	2011
Good Friday	Schools closed	Friday	22 April	2011
Easter Monday	Schools closed	Monday	25 April	2011

All Resume		Tuesday	26 April	2011
May Day	Schools closed	Monday	2 May	2011
All resume		Tuesday	3 May	2011
Victoria Day	Schools closed	Monday	23 May	2011
Staff only		Tuesday	24 May*	2011
Pupils resume		Wednesday	25 May	2011
Term ends		Friday	1 July	2011

* Five In-service days for all schools

The above timetable allows for staff and pupil attendance as follows;

	Pupils	Staff
Term 1	85	88
Term 2	59	60
Term 3	46	47
Total	190	195

The start date for session 2011/2012 for pupils has been **provisionally** identified as Wednesday 17 August 2011.

DRAFT SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2010/11

Session 2010-11		LNCT suggested alternative model						
w/b date	wk no.	mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	staff days	pupils days
16-Aug	1	IS 1	IS 2				5	3
23-Aug	2						5	5
30-Aug	3						5	5
06-Sep	4						5	5
13-Sep	5						5	5
20-Sep	6	PH					4	4
27-Sep	7						5	5
04-Oct	8						5	5
11-Oct	9						5	5
18-Oct	10							
25-Oct	11	IS 3					5	4
01-Nov	12						5	5
08-Nov	13						5	5
15-Nov	14						5	5
22-Nov	15						5	5
29-Nov	16						5	5
06-Dec	17						5	5
13-Dec	18						5	5
20-Dec	19						4	4
27-Dec	20						88	85
03-Jan	21	PH	PH					
10-Jan	22	IS 4					5	4
17-Jan	23						5	5
24-Jan	24						5	5
31-Jan	25						5	5
07-Feb	26						5	5
14-Feb	27							
21-Feb	28						5	5
28-Feb	29						5	5
07-Mar	30						5	5
14-Mar	31						5	5
21-Mar	32						5	5
28-Mar	33						5	5
04-Apr	34						5	5
11-Apr							60	59
18-Apr	1	PH				PH		
25-Apr	2	PH					4	4
02-May	3	PH					4	4
09-May	4						5	5
16-May	5						5	5
23-May	6	PH	IS 5				4	3
30-May	7						5	5
06-Jun	8						5	5
13-Jun	9						5	5
20-Jun	10						5	5
27-Jun	11						5	5
04-Jul	12						47	46
11-Jul	13							
18-Jul	14							
25-Jul	15							
01-Aug	16							
08-Aug	17							
15-Aug	1	IS 1	IS 2				session 2011-12	
weekday totals		33(35)	38(40)	40(41)	40	39	195	190
key	IS = In service day PH = Public Holiday				In service day - pupils on holiday			
					staff and pupils on holiday			

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LIST OF THOSE CONSULTED

- Parent Councils (asking them to consult with parents)
- Chairs of PTAs where no Parent Council is formed
- Consultative Committee with Parents
- Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers (LNCT)
- Church representatives on Education, Children and Families Committee
- Head Teachers (asking them to consult with all teaching and non teaching staff)
- School Business Managers
- UNISON
- Edinburgh Trades Council
- Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
- Childcare Partnership
- Edinburgh Youth Council