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Dear

SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2012/13

As part of the Department's commitment to annual consultation on School Session Dates, I attach a copy of the proposed dates for Session 2012/13.

The attached draft dates were presented to the Consultative Committee with Parents on Tuesday 2 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 2012/13. 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.

The intention going forward is to consider the use of Election Days as In-Service Days.

The dates for the next major elections are:

5 June 2014 – European Elections

7 May 2015 – UK Parliamentary and Local Government Elections

You are asked to consider the draft dates and return any comments to Graham.Douglas@edinburgh.gov.uk by

Please can you also comment on any changes you may wish to see to the Edinburgh Criteria and how the consultation process could be improved in future years?

Yours faithfully



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Pupils on holiday	
Staff only (In-Service Days)	()
Pupils in school	
Public Holidays (Staff and Pupils on Holiday)	

Public Holidays

17 September Autumn Holiday, 25 December – Christmas Day, 26 December -Boxing Day
 1 January – New Year’s day, 2 January – Public Holiday, 29 March – Good Friday,
 1 April – Easter Monday, 15 April – Spring Holiday, 6 May – May Day, 20 May – Victoria Day

August 2012						
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	Pupils	Staff
Term 1	85	88
Term 2	49	50
Term 3	56	57
Total	190	195

P7/S1 Transition Days – Tuesday 18 June, Wednesday 19 June and Thursday 20 June 2013.

The start date for session 2013/2014 for pupils has been provisionally identified as Wednesday 14 August 2013