

**REPORT TO:** Education Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 12 March 2019

**BY:** Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

**SUBJECT:** School Session Dates (2020-2021 and 2021-2022)

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## **1 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain the Committee's approval for School Session dates for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the school session dates for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B.
- (ii) Authorise the Head of Education to notify Head Teachers, Teachers' Professional Associations, Heads of Establishments and Parent Councils.
- (iii) Authorise the Head of Education to notify the Scottish Government.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 East Lothian has prepared school session dates for two academic years, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

3.2 In preparing the draft school session dates for 2020-21 and 2021-2022 the following points were taken into consideration:-

- 190 pupil and 195 staff days which is in accordance with the Schools General (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (as amended);
- A fixed one week break in the third week of October;
- The school session ending before the first full week of July
- 5 fixed in-service days; and
- Flexibility with the Easter break to allow for a natural end to Term 2.

3.3 In preparing the draft school session dates for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 the five points in 3.2 were taken into account as outlined in the attached draft proposed dates (Appendix A and B). Cognisance of the City of Edinburgh Council's session dates were taken into account in an attempt to align the dates, as far as possible, and this has been achieved in relation to the main holiday periods. Consultation with Midlothian Council has also been undertaken but at the time of writing this report they are still considering their dates and have yet to go to consultation on them. They have, however, advised that their dates will also align very closely with City of Edinburgh Council's dates and the dates presented in this report for East Lothian Council.

3.3 As advised at Education Committee on 19 June 2018 City of Edinburgh Council have already set and published their session dates for academic session 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Therefore it was decided there would be no formal consultation undertaken through the Council's Consultation Hub, however, we welcomed comments on the draft proposed dates from Head Teachers, Teachers' Professional Associations, UNISON, Educational staff and Parent Councils. These comments were taken into consideration when finalizing the draft session dates.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

#### **5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Financial - None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

#### **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Appendix A and B draft school session dates 2020-21 and 2021-2022.

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**EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL  
RESOURCES AND PEOPLE SERVICES  
SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2020-2021**

<b>TERM 1</b>	Staff In-service Day 1	Monday	17	August	2020
	Staff In-service Day 2	Tuesday	18	August	2020
	Pupils Resume	Wednesday	19	August	2020
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Friday	18	September	2020
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Monday	21	September	2020
	All Return	Tuesday	22	September	2020
	All Break	Friday	16	October	2020
	Staff In-service Day 3	Monday	26	October	2020
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	27	October	2020
	Term Ends	Wednesday	23	December	2020
	<i>Term 1 = 83 pupil days Term 1 = 86 staff days</i>				
<b>TERM 2</b>	All Resume	Thursday	7	January	2021
	All Break	Friday	5	February	2021
	Staff In-service Day 4	Monday	15	February	2021
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	16	February	2021
	All Break	Thursday	1	April	2021
	Good Friday – 2 April 2021 Easter Monday – 5 April 2021  <i>Term 2 = 55 pupil days Term 2 = 56 staff days</i>				
<b>TERM 3</b>	All Resume (Staff and Pupils)	Tuesday	20	April	2021
	May Day (Schools closed)	Monday	3	May	2021
	All Resume	Tuesday	4	May	2021
	Staff In-service Day 5 (pupils off)	Monday	24	May	2021
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	25	May	2021
	Term Ends	Friday	2	July	2021
	<i>Terms 3 = 52 pupil days Terms 3 = 53 staff days</i>				

**School Session Dates 2020/2021**

**Appendix A**

Teaching Day	Green
In Service Day	Yellow
School Holiday	Red

August 2020						
Su	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
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September 2020						
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October 2020						
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\*holiday for pupils

November 2020						
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December 2020						
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January 2021						
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February 2021						
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\*school holiday

March 2021						
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April 2021						
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2nd Good Friday/5th Easter Monday

May 2021						
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June 2021						
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July/August 2021						
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**EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL  
RESOURCES AND PEOPLE SERVICES  
SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2021-2022**

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	Staff In-service Day 2	Tuesday	17	August	2021
	Pupils Resume	Wednesday	18	August	2021
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Friday	17	September	2021
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Monday	20	September	2021
	All Return	Tuesday	21	September	2021
	All Break	Friday	15	October	2021
	Staff In-service Day 3	Monday	25	October	2021
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	26	October	2021
	Term Ends	Thursday	23	December	2021
	<i>Term 1 = 84 pupil days Term 1 = 87 staff days</i>				
<b>TERM 2</b>	All Resume	Monday	10	January	2022
	All Break	Friday	11	February	2022
	Staff In-service Day 4	Monday	21	February	2022
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	22	February	2022
	All Break	Friday	8	April	2022
	Good Friday - 15 April 2022 Easter Monday – 18 April 2022  <i>Term 2 = 59 pupil days Term 2 = 60 staff days</i>				
<b>TERM 3</b>	All Resume (Staff and Pupils)	Monday	25	April	2022
	May Day (Schools closed)	Monday	2	May	2022
	All Resume	Tuesday	3	May	2022
	Staff In-service Day 5 (pupils off)	Monday	23	May	2022
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	24	May	2022
	Term Ends  <i>Terms 3 = 47 pupil days Terms 3 = 48 staff days</i>	Thursday	30	June	2022

**School Session Dates 2021/2022**

**Appendix B**

Teaching Day	
In Service Day	
School Holiday	

August 2021						
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15th Good Friday/18th Easter Monday

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