

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND IN SERVICE DAYS: 2014/2015

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Executive at its meeting on 2nd February 2012 agreed the framework of main holiday dates for schools in 2014/2015
- 1.2 These dates were then circulated to schools to consider the remaining inservice days and occasional days.
- 1.3 Islay and Jura Schools identified 5 School Holidays and 4 inservice days as requested. Identified days were transferred onto the paper submitted to Area Committee on 3rd October 2012 and subsequently approved. (Appendix 1)
- 1.4 Islay and Jura Schools then identified that the Annual Islay Show is held Thursday 14th of August 2014, the date pupils return.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to endorse the new patterns of school holidays and inservice days for all schools on Islay and Jura as outlined in Appendix 2.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Executive at its meeting on 2nd February 2012 agreed the main framework of school holiday dates for Session 2014/2015.
- 3.2 This framework was circulated to all schools. Head teachers/campus principals were consulted about the five inservice days and the five occasional day's holidays which were to be incorporated into the agreed framework of holiday dates.
- 3.4 Following this consultation, responses from head teachers

were submitted to Argyll House and the final patterns of inservice days and school holidays were collated for consideration and endorsement by local committees.

- 3.5 Islay and Jura Schools were unaware of the date of the Annual Islay Show which is a major local event attended by most residents including pupils, parents and staff. The operation of all local services is affected by the Annual Islay Show
- 3.6 This error came to light in September 2013 and Head Teachers became aware of the impact this would have on school attendance, travel and services. After consultation the Islay and Jura Schools requested that 1 identified holiday date be moved to the 14th August 2014. The preferred date is Monday 21st October 2014.
- 3.7 The new pattern of inservice days and school holidays for all schools in Islay and Jura for school session 2014/2015 are outlined in Appendices 2 attached to this paper.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Islay and Jura Holidays, session 2014/2015 were originally agreed at Area Committee on 3rd October 2012.
- 4.2 Islay and Jura Schools identified that the Annual Islay Show will be held on Thursday 14th August when pupils return to school.
- 4.3 Islay and Jura schools have now used the identified holiday date of Monday 21st October 2014 for Thursday 14th August 2014 with pupils returning to school after the summer break on 15th August 2014, allowing 190 pupil and 195 teacher days as required and Area Committee is asked to endorse this.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy None
- 5.2 Financial None
- 5.3 Legal None
- 5.4 HR None
- 5.5 Equalities None
- 5.6 Risk Interrupted bus service would impact on pupil

- 5.7 Customer Service
 - safety.
 - Level of Pupils and staff involvement in the Islay Show would impact on attendance in school.
 - Customers/Clients need to know school holiday dates in advance for planning purposes.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Approved School Holidays (Islay) 2014/2015
- 6.2 Amended School Holidays (Islay) 2014/2015

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APPENDIX 6.1

COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND IN SERVICE DAYS 2014/2015

MAKI (Islay & Jura)

Islay High School
Bowmore Primary
Keills Primary

Port Charlotte Primary
Port Ellen Primary
Small Isles Primary

TERM 1	
12 and 13 August 2014	In-service days
14 August 2014	Pupils return
10 October 2014	School closes
21 October 2014	School re-opens
14 November 2014	School closes
17 November 2014	In-service day
18 November 2014	School re-opens
19 December 2014	School closes

TERM 2	
05 January 2015	School re-opens
11 February 2015	School closes
12 February 2015	In-service day
23 February 2015	School re-opens
02 April 2015 Easter Holidays	School closes

TERM 3	
20 April 2015	School re-opens
01 May 2015	School closes
05 May 2015	School re-opens
29 May 2015	School closes
01 June 2015	In-service day
02 June 2015	School re-opens
26 June 2015	School closes

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