

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016/2017**

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  - the final patterns of school holidays and in-service days be circulated widely thereafter, as appropriate.

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**3.0 INTRODUCTION**

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**5.0 DETAIL**

- 5.1 Education Service attended a meeting hosted by Glasgow City Council in May 2014 and attended by other Local Authority representatives to co-ordinate school holiday arrangements for session 2016/2017. The wider discussion amongst local authorities has resulted in a proposed school holiday pattern which minimises variation between neighbouring councils while broadly taking account of historical school holiday arrangements in Argyll and Bute.
- 5.2 Copies of the school holiday proposals have been circulated to the relevant unions and teachers' professional associations for consultation and comment. The proposals were endorsed at the planned LNCT meeting of 25 March 2015.
- 5.3 Following agreement of the proposed school holidays in 2016/2017, they will be circulated to all head teachers to have the dates of the remaining in-service days and the dates of the five local holidays agreed in consultation with Parent Councils. These will then be included in the updated planned School Holiday schedule for 2016/2017.

5.4 The completed school holiday arrangements will then be intimated to all members and thereafter to the wider communities, as appropriate.

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

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## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Policy – National/Council Policy in agreeing school holidays.

7.2 Financial – None

7.3 Legal – None

7.4 HR – None

7.5 Equalities – None

7.6 Risk – None

7.7 Customer Service – School holidays will be made available to public via Council website.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – School Holiday Arrangement 2016/2017

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Argyll and Bute Council  
Community Services: Education  
School Holiday Arrangements  
2016/2017

TERM	BREAK	DATES OF ATTENDANCE		PUPIL DAYS	WORKING DAYS
First			15 August 2016 Teachers' In-service Day		
		Open	16 August 2016 Pupils Return		
	October	Close	14 October 2016	44 (44)	45 (45)
		Open	24 October 2016		
	Christmas	Close	23 December 2016	45 (89)	45 (90)
Second		Open	9 January 2017		
		Close	10 February 2017	25 (114)	25 (115)
		Open	16 February 2017		
	Spring	Close	31 March 2017	32 (146)	32 (147)
Third		Open	18 April 2017		
		Close	29 April 2017	9 (155)	9 (156)
	May	Open	2 May 2017		
		Close	30 June 2017	44 (199)	44 (200)
			Minus 5 local holidays	-5 (194)*	-5 (195)

\* Additional 4 local in-service days to be deducted from pupil days.