



## Consultation on the Pattern of School Term Dates and Holidays from 2020 to 2025

The current pattern of school term dates, holidays and In Service days is set until July 2020.

Aberdeenshire Council has developed a draft calendar for the next five years and wants to hear the views of parents, carers, pupils, staff and the wider public before the dates are finalised.

Please return your completed form to:

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The survey will be open until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The Education & Children's Services Committee of Aberdeenshire Council will consider the results of this survey at their meeting in May 2019 at which stage they will hopefully approve the final set of term dates.



1. Are you a

- Parent/Carer of school aged child(ren)
- Parent/Carer of non-school aged child(ren)
- Pupil/Student at School
- Teacher in an Aberdeenshire School
- Employee at an Aberdeenshire School
- None of the above

2. Which Academy catchment are you in?

- Aboyne
- Alford
- Banchory
- Banff
- Ellon
- Fraserburgh
- Huntly
- Inverurie
- Kemnay
- Laurencekirk
- Meldrum
- Mintlaw
- Peterhead
- Portlethen
- Stonehaven
- Turriff
- Westhill



Presently the February mid-term break is a combination of occasional days and in-service days often either side of a weekend.

3. Do you think we should have a full week in February instead of a split break?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

Any Comments

When the last pattern of term dates was agreed, the 'Easter' holidays were fixed to the first two full weeks in April and are no longer dependent on when Good Friday and Easter Monday fall.

We would like to continue with having fixed holidays in April, and a number of other councils in Scotland are also trying to put this in place.

4. Do you think that we should have fixed holidays in the first two full weeks of April for the next five years?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

Any Comments



We try wherever possible to avoid starting or finishing a term part way through a week.

5. Do you think we should continue to have full weeks where possible at the start and end of term?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

Any Comments

Aberdeenshire Council tries to have school holidays at the same time as neighbouring councils, in particular Aberdeen City Council.

This is to help families who live in Aberdeenshire but who work in Aberdeen, and also those who live in Aberdeenshire but are zoned to an Aberdeen City secondary school. There are many families where the younger children are at an Aberdeenshire primary school and older children attend Aberdeen City secondary schools.

6. Do you think we should continue to have our holidays at the same time as other councils where possible?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

Any Comments

On the next pages you will see the planned pattern of term dates for each session and be asked if you agree with them.



Session 2020-2021								
	From	To	Days	Including INSET Days		Excluding Public Holidays		Holidays (duration excludes weekends)
Term 1	17/08/20	09/10/20	40	1	17/08/20			
	26/10/20	22/12/20	42	2	19/11/20 20/11/20			Oct 12/10/20 – 23/10/20 10 days
Oct	05/01/21	01/04/21	64	2	16/02/21 17/02/21	2	15/02/21 02/04/21	Christmas 21/12/20 – 04/01/21 11 days
	19/04/21	02/07/21	55			1	03/05/21	Easter/Spring 05/04/21 – 16/04/21 10 days
Christmas			199	5		3		
			1					

- Notes:
1. The Christmas holiday will begin on 18/12/20 and an extra day added to avoid a mid-week split in December.
  2. Good Friday Public Holiday (02/04/21) is separate to the 'Easter' holiday fortnight.
  3. Due to the additional day added to the Christmas break there will be only one occasional day this session
  4. Six week summer break before session 2021-22 beginning 16/08/21

7. Do you agree with the term dates and holiday pattern for Session 2020-21

- Yes  
 No  
 Not Sure  
 No Preference

8. Do you have any comments you would like to make about the above term dates and holiday plan?



Session 2021-2022								
	From	To	Days	Including INSET Days		Excluding Public Holidays		Holidays (duration excludes weekends)
Term 1	16/08/21	15/10/21	45	1	16/08/21			
Term 2	01/11/21	21/12/21	37	2	18/11/21 19/11/21			Oct 18/10/21 – 29/10/21 10 days
Term 3	05/01/22	01/04/22	63	2	15/02/22 16/02/22	1	14/02/22	Christmas 22/12/21 – 04/01/22 10 days
Term 4	18/04/22	01/07/22	55			1	02/05/22	Easter/Spring 04/04/22 – 15/04/22 10 days
Total			200	5		2		
Occasional days (To be determined locally)			3					

- Notes:
1. Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays being at the weekend, there is a mid-week finish in December.
  2. Good Friday is included in the 'Easter' holidays. There will be 3 occasional days this session instead of 2.
  3. Six week summer break before session 2022-23 beginning 15/08/22.

9. Do you agree with the term dates and holiday pattern for Session 2021-22

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

10. Do you have any comments you would like to make about the above term dates and holiday plan?



Session 2022 - 2023								
	From	To	Days	Including INSET Days		Excluding Public Holidays		Holidays (duration excludes weekends)
Term 1	15/08/22	14/10/22	45	1	15/08/22			
Term 2	31/10/22	20/12/22	37	2	17/11/22 18/11/22			Oct 17/10/22 – 28/10/22 10 days
Term 3	04/01/23	31/03/23	63	2	14/02/23 15/02/23	1	13/02/23	Christmas 21/12/22 – 03/01/23 10 days
Term 4	17/04/23	30/06/23	55			1	01/05/23	Easter/Spring 03/04/23 – 14/04/23 10 days
Total			200	5		2		
Occasional days (To be determined locally)			3					

- Notes:
1. Due to where the Christmas and New Year public holidays fall there is a mid-week finish in December.
  2. Good Friday is included in the 'Easter' holidays. There will be 3 occasional days instead of 2 this session.
  3. Six week summer break before session 2023-24 beginning 14/08/23

11. Do you agree with the term dates and holiday pattern for Session 2022-23

- Yes  
 No  
 Not Sure  
 No Preference

12. Do you have any comments you would like to make about the above term dates and holiday plan?



Session 2023 - 2024									
	From	To	Days	Including INSET Days		Excluding Public Holidays		Holidays (duration excludes weekends)	
Term 1	14/08/23	6/10/23	40	1	14/08/23			Oct 09/10/23 – 20/10/23 10 days Christmas 21/12/23 – 03/01/24 10 days Easter/Spring 01/04/24 – 12/04/24 10 days	
Term 2	23/10/23	20/12/23	43	2	16/11/23 17/11/23				
Term 3	04/01/24	29/03/24	62	2	13/02/24 14/02/24	2	12/02/24 29/03/24		
Term 4	15/04/24	28/06/24	55			1	06/05/24		
Total			200	5		3			
Occasional days (To be determined locally)			2						

- Notes:
1. Due to when the Christmas and New Year public holidays fall there is a mid-week finish in December.
  2. Good Friday Public Holiday (20/03/24) is separate to the 'Easter' holiday fortnight.
  3. Six week summer break before session 2024-25 beginning 12/08/24

13. Do you agree with the term dates and holiday pattern for Session 2023-24

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

14. Do you have any comments you would like to make about the above term dates and holiday plan?





Session 2024 - 2025									
	From	To	Days	Including INSET Days		Excluding Public Holidays		Holidays (duration excludes weekends)	
Term 1	12/08/24	04/10/24	40	1	12/08/24				
Term 2	21/10/24	20/12/24	45	2	14/11/24 15/11/24			Oct 07/10/24 – 18/10/24 10 days	
Term 3	06/01/25	04/04/25	65	2	11/02/25 12/02/25	1	10/02/25	Christmas 23/12/24 – 03/01/25 10 days	
Term 4	21/04/25	27/06/25	50			1	05/05/25	Easter/Spring 07/04/25 – 18/04/25 10 days	
Total			200	5		2			
Occasional days (To be determined locally)			3						

- Notes:
1. Good Friday is included in the 'Easter' holidays. There will be 3 occasional days instead of 2 this session.
  2. There is a 7 week summer break before session 2025 begins on 18 August 2025.

15. Do you agree with the term dates and holiday pattern for Session 2024-25

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- No Preference

16. Do you have any comments you would like to make about the above term dates and holiday plan?