

Aberdeen City Council

Draft School Holiday Pattern 2025-2026 to 2029-2030

Model 1 – with ‘traditional’ in-service dates

	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Term 1					
In-service day	Mon 18 August	Mon 17 August	Mon 23 August	Mon 14 August	Mon 13 August
Pupils return	Tues 19 August	Tues 18 August	Tues 24 August	Tues 15 August	Tues 14 August
September holiday	Fri 19 September and Mon 22 September	Fri 18 September and Mon 21 September	Fri 17 September and Mon 20 September	Fri 22 September and Mon 25 September	Fri 21 September and Mon 24 September
Term ends	Fri 10 October	Fri 9 October	Fri 8 October	Fri 6 October	Fri 5 October
October holiday	Mon 13 October – Fri 24 October	Mon 12 October – Fri 23 October	Mon 11 October - Fri 22 October	Mon 9 October – Fri 20 October	Mon 8 October – Fri 19 October
Term 2					
Term starts	Mon 27 October	Mon 26 October	Mon 25 October	Mon 23 October	Mon 22 October
In-service day	Fri 14 November	Fri 13 November	Fri 12 November	Fri 17 November	Fri 16 November
Term ends	Fri 19 December	Fri 18 December	Tues 21 December	Fri 22 December	Fri 21 December
Winter holiday	Mon 22 December – Fri 2 January	Mon 21 December – Fri 1 January	Wed 22 December – Tues 4 January	Mon 25 December – Fri 5 January	Mon 24 December – Fri 4 January
Term 3					
Term starts	Mon 5 January	Mon 4 January	Wed 5 January	Mon 8 January	Mon 7 January
Mid-term	Mon 9 February	Mon 8 February	Mon 14 February	Mon 12 February	Mon 11 February
In-service days	Tues 10 February and Wed 11 February	Tues 9 February and Wed 10 February	Tues 15 February and Wed 16 February	Tues 13 February and Wed 14 February	Tues 12 February and Wed 13 February
Term ends	Fri 27 March	Thurs 25 March	Fri 31 March	Thurs 29 March	Fri 29 March
Spring holiday	Mon 30 March – Fri 10 April	Fri 26 March – Fri 9 April (includes Good Friday on 26 March)	Mon 3 April – Fri 14 April	Fri 30 March – Fri 13 April (includes Good Friday on 30 March)	Mon 1 April – Fri 12 April
Term 4					
Term starts	Mon 13 April	Mon 12 April	Mon 17 April	Mon 16 April	Mon 15 April
Good Friday	-	-	-	-	Fri 19 April
May day holiday	Mon 4 May	Mon 3 May	Mon 1 May	Mon 7 May	Mon 6 May
In-service day	Tues 5 May	Tues 4 May	Tues 2 May	Tues 8 May	Tues 7 May
Term ends	Thurs 2 July	Fri 2 July	Thurs 29 June	Thurs 28 June	Fri 28 June

Model 2 – with a ‘two-day’ in-service at the beginning of the session in August

	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Term 1					
In-service day	Mon 18 August	Mon 17 August	Mon 23 August	Mon 14 August	Mon 13 August
In-service day	Tues 19 August	Tues 18 August	Tues 24 August	Tues 15 August	Tues 14 August
Pupils return	Wed 20 August	Wed 19 August	Wed 25 August	Wed 16 August	Wed 15 August
September holiday	Fri 19 September and Mon 22 September	Fri 18 September and Mon 21 September	Fri 17 September and Mon 20 September	Fri 22 September and Mon 25 September	Fri 21 September and Mon 24 September
Term ends	Fri 10 October	Fri 9 October	Fri 8 October	Fri 6 October	Fri 5 October
October holiday	Mon 13 October – Fri 24 October	Mon 12 October – Fri 23 October	Mon 11 October - Fri 22 October	Mon 9 October – Fri 20 October	Mon 8 October – Fri 19 October
Term 2					
Term starts	Mon 27 October	Mon 26 October	Mon 25 October	Mon 23 October	Mon 22 October
In-service day	Fri 14 November	Fri 13 November	Fri 12 November	Fri 17 November	Fri 16 November
Term ends	Fri 19 December	Fri 18 December	Tues 21 December	Fri 22 December	Fri 21 December
Winter holiday	Mon 22 December – Fri 2 January	Mon 21 December – Fri 1 January	Wed 22 December – Tues 4 January	Mon 25 December – Fri 5 January	Mon 24 December – Fri 4 January
Term 3					
Term starts	Mon 5 January	Mon 4 January	Wed 5 January	Mon 8 January	Mon 7 January
Mid-term	Mon 9 February	Mon 8 February	Mon 14 February	Mon 12 February	Mon 11 February
In-service days	Tues 10 February and Wed 11 February	Tues 9 February and Wed 10 February	Tues 15 February and Wed 16 February	Tues 13 February and Wed 14 February	Tues 12 February and Wed 13 February
Term ends	Fri 27 March	Thurs 25 March	Fri 31 March	Thurs 29 March	Fri 29 March
Spring holiday	Mon 30 March – Fri 10 April	Fri 26 March – Fri 9 April (includes Good Friday on 26 March)	Mon 3 April – Fri 14 April	Fri 30 March – Fri 13 April (includes Good Friday on 30 March)	Mon 1 April – Fri 12 April
Term 4					
Term starts	Mon 13 April	Mon 12 April	Mon 17 April	Mon 16 April	Mon 15 April
Good Friday	-	-	-	-	Fri 19 April
May day holiday	Mon 4 May	Mon 3 May	Mon 1 May	Mon 7 May	Mon 6 May
Term ends	Thurs 2 July	Fri 2 July	Thurs 29 June	Thurs 28 June	Fri 28 June