

Our Ref: FR/VE Day 2020
Direct Line: 01620 827647
Email: lbrown@eastlothian.gov.uk

Alex McCrorie
DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
RESOURCES AND
PEOPLE SERVICES

14 January 2020

John Muir House
Haddington
East Lothian
EH41 3HA
Tel 01620 827633

To: All parents/carers of pupils in East Lothian Schools

Dear Parent/Carer

VE Day – 75th Anniversary Celebrations – Friday 8 May 2020

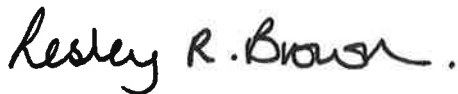
I refer to Fiona Robertson, Head of Education & Children's Services letter of 14 November 2019 regarding the UK Government's approved change to the date of next year's early May bank holiday from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. East Lothian Council took a decision to allocate the 8th May as an additional day's leave and for schools to retain the already agreed 4th May as a school holiday.

As indicated in the letter a consultation exercise was undertaken with parents/carers to ascertain views on the additional day's school closure on 8th May 2020 to mark the VE Day 75 celebrations. The outcome of that consultation was an overwhelming support of the additional day's closure. Following the outcome of the consultation the Council sought approval for an exceptional day's school closure from Scottish Government. The Scottish Government have now informed us that their decision is to grant approval. This additional school closure day will not impact on any young person sitting national qualifications in our schools on 4 May 2020 even though schools will be officially closed to pupils and staff as arrangements are in hand to ensure examinations go ahead on that day.

The school calendar has been amended accordingly and I have attached a copy for your information. The updated version will be posted on the Council website.

As previously stated, the additional school closure day provides an opportunity for families, children and young people to participate, if they wish to do so, in local and national VE Day 75 celebrations bringing life to learning and learning to life.

Yours sincerely



Lesley Brown
Chief Operating Officer – Education