**Report to SACRE 10 February 2022**

**Absence for Religious Observance from School Festival Calendar 2022**

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**1. Background Information**

* 1. In response to a local need which was raised with SACRE a few years ago, SACRE has issued a Absence for Religious Observance from School Festival Calendar 2022 annually.
  2. The calendar has used information provided by the [Shap Working Party](http://www.shapcalendar.org.uk/) and has some local modifications to reflect our requirements and has been produced for the calendar year.

**2. 2022 Calendar**

* 1. The 2022 calendar is attached to this report as Appendix 1 and has been updated using information from the SHAP Working Party 2022 calendar.
  2. The calendar needs to have the required modifications in order to meet local need and SACRE members are asked to identify any amendments requirement for this to enable the calendar to be published as soon as practicably possible.
  3. It is also proposed that the Sheffield calendar moves to an Academic Year from 2022-23 and that this is explored ahead of the next SACRE meeting and an update given.

1. **Recommendations**
   1. Agree the calendar at Appendix 1, subject to local modifications. SACRE members identify the required modifications in order to meet local need and the finalised calendar is published as soon as possible.
   2. To agree the proposed approach of switching the calendar to an Academic Year from 2022-23 and an update is given at the next meeting.

**Appendix 1**

**Key Religious Days Calendar 2022**

Our Festivals Calendar uses information provided by the [Shap Working Party](http://www.shapcalendar.org.uk/) and has some local modifications to reflect our requirements. The calendar is for 2022 as a calendar year.

Find more information at:

* [www.interfaith-calendar.org](http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/)
* [www.bbc.co.uk/religion](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion)
* [www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/)

**January**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | NEW YEAR’S DAY / HOGMANAY | National |
| 1 | NAMING OF JESUS | Christian |
| 1 | GANJITSU | Japanese |
| 1 | YUANDANJIE | Chinese |
| 5 | BIRTHDAY OF GURU GOBIND SINGH | Sikh |
| 6 | EPIPHANY | Christian |
| 6 | THEOPHANY / BAPTISM OF CHRIST | Christian (Orthodox) |
| 6 | CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY | Christian (Orthodox) |
| 6 | ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS DAY | Rastafarian |
| 9 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD | Christian |
| 9 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD | Christian (Roman Catholic) |
| 12 | BIRTHDAY OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA | Hindu |
| 13 | MAKAR SANKRANTI | Hindu |
| 16 | SHINRAN MEMORIAL DAY | Buddhist |
| 16 | WORLD RELIGION DAY | Baha’i |
| 17 | TU B’SHEVAT | Jewish |
| 18 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  (18th – 25th January) |  |
| 20 | LABAJIE (LABA FESTIVAL) | Chinese |
| 25 | HONEN MEMORIAL DAY | Buddhist |
| 27 | HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY | National |
| 30 | JASHN-E-SADEH | Zoroastrian |

**February**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | IMBOLC/CANDLEMAS | Pagan |
| 1  2 | YUAN TUAN (Chinese New Year) [Tiger]  PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE | Chinese  Christian |
| 3 | SETSUBUN / BEAN SCATTERING | Japanese |
| 4 | SARASVATI PUJA (to 5th) | Hindu |
| 14 | SAINT VALENTINE | National |
| 14 | PARINIRVANA | Buddhist |
| 15 | NIRVANA DAY | Jain |
| 15 | LANTERN FESTIVAL/ CHUNJIE | Chinese |
| 15 | PARINIRVANA | Buddhist |
| 16 | MAGHA PUJA (to 18th) | Buddhist |

**March**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | SHROVE TUESDAY | Christian |
| 1 | MAHASHIVRATRI | Hindu |
| 1 | THE PROPHET’S NIGHT JOURNEY / LAILAT UL ISRA WA-L-MIRAJ | Muslim |
| 1 | ST DAVID’S DAY | Christian/ National |
| 2 | ASH WEDNESDAY [[lent begins to 15th Apl] | Christian |
| 3 | LOSAR | Buddhist |
| 3 | HINAMATSURI / DOLLS FESTIVAL | Japanese |
| 4 | THE WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER | Christian |
| 7 | THE FIRST DAY OF LENT THE GREAT FAST | CO = Christian (Orthodox) |
| 11 | FRAVARDIGAN to 20th | Zoroastrian |
| 14 | NEW YEAR’S DAY | Sikh |
| 17 | ST PATRICK | Christian/ National |
| 17 | PURIM | Jewish |
| 17 | HOLI ( to 18th) | Hindu |
| 18 | HIGAN (to 24th) | Japanese |
| 18 | HOLA MOHALLA (to 20th) | Sikh |
| 19 | NIGHT OF FORGIVENESS | Muslim |
| 20 | SPRING EQUINOX [OSTARA] | Pagan |
| 20 | VERNAL EQUINOX [ALBAN EILER] | Druid |
| 21 | NAW-RUZ | Baha’i |
| 21 | ST JOSEPH’S DAY | Christian |
| 21 | SHŪNBUN NO HI | Japanese |
| 21 | JAMSHEEDI NORUZ | Zoroastrian |
| 23 | AVA MAH PARAB | Zoroastrian |
| 25 | THE ANNUNCIATION | Christian |
| 25 | THE ANNUNCIATION | Christian (Roman Catholic) |
| 25 | LADY DAY | Christian |
| 26 | KHORDAD SAL | Zoroastrian |
| 27 | MOTHERING SUNDAY | Christian |

**April**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 2 | RAMADAN Begins (to 1st May) | Muslim |
| 3 | PASSION SUNDAY | Christians |
| 5 | QINGMINGJIE / TOMB SWEEPING DAY | Chinese |
| 8 | HANAMATSURI | Buddhist |
| 8 | HANAMATSURI | Japanese |
| 10 | PALM SUNDAY | Christian |
| 10 | RAMA NAVAMI | Hindu |
| 13 | SONGKRAN (to 15th) | Buddhist |
| 13 | VAISAKHI/BAISAKHI | Sikh |
| 14 | MAUNDY THURSDAY | Chinese |
| 14 | MAHAVIR JAYANTI | Jain |
| 15 | GOOD FRIDAY | Christian |
| 16 | HOLY SATURDAY | Christian |
| 17 | EASTER DAY | Christian |
| 21 | ADAR MAH PARAB | Zoroastrian |
| 21 | RIDVAN (B) (to 2nd May) | Baha’i |
| 23 | ST GEORGE’S DAY | Christian/ National |
| 24 | PASCHA | Christian (Orthodox) |
| 24 | LAILAT-UL-QADR / NIGHT OF POWER | Muslim |
| 24 | EASTER DAY | Rastafarian |
| 28 | YOM HASHOAH | Jewish |
| 30 | BELTAINE EVE / MAY EVE | Pagan |

**May**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** | |
| 1 | MAY DAY/BELTAINE | Pagan/ Wiccan | |
| 2 | EID-UL FITR ( to 3rd) | Muslim | |
| 5 | EID-UL FITR | | Jewish |
| 15 | CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (to 21st) | Christian | |
| 16 | VESAKHA PUJA / WESEK / BUDDHA DAY | Buddhist | |
| 19 | LAG B’OMER | | Jewish |
| 23 | ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF THE BAB | Baha’i | |
| 26 | ASCENSION DAY | Christian/ Christian(Roman Catholic) | |
| 29 | ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASCENSION OF BAHA’U’LLAH | | Baha’i |

**June**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 2 | ASCENSION DAY | Christian (Orthodox) |
| 3 | DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL / DUANWUJIE / TANG YANG CHIEH | Chinese |
| 4 | CHOKOR / CHO KOR DU CHEN | Buddhist |
| 5 | PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY | Christian/ Christian (orthodox) |
| 5 | SHAVUOT (J) (to 6th) | Jewish |
| 12 | TRINITY SUNDAY | Christian |
| 16 | DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR EUCHARIST | Christian |
| 16 | CORPUS CHRISTI | Christian (Roman Catholic) |
| 21 | WORLD HUMANIST DAY | National |
| 21 | MIDSUMMER DAY | National |
| 21 | MIDSUMMER SOLSTICE LITHA | Wiccan/ Pagan |
| 21 | SUMMER SOLSTICE [ALBAN HERUIN] | Druid |

**July**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | RATHA YATRA | Hindu |
| 1 | JASHEN-E TIRGAN | Zoroastrian |
| 7 | FRAVARDIGAN (to 16th) | Zoroastrian |
| 8 | YOUM-ARAFAH | Muslim |
| 10 | ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF THE BAB (1850) | Baha’i |
| 10 | EID-AL-ADHA / THE FESTIVAL OF THE SACRIFICE | Muslim |
| 13 | O-BON (to 15th July) [not Tokyo] | Japanese |
| 13 | ASALHA PUJA or DHAMMA DAY (to 15th) | Buddhist |
| 17 | NAVROZE / NO RUZ | Zoroastrian |
| 18 | EID-UL-GHADIR (Shi’a M) | Muslim |
| 22 | AL-HIJRA(1444 AH) (622CE) | Muslim |
| 22 | KHORDAD SAL | Zoroastrian |
| 23 | BIRTHDAY OF HAILE SELASSIE I | Rastafarian |

**August**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | LAMMAS/ LUGHNASADH | Wiccan |
| 6 | TRANSFIGURATION | Christian |
| 6 | FRAVARDIGAN /MUKTAD (to 15th) | Zoroastrian |
| 7 | TISHA B’AV | Jewish |
| 8 | ASHURA | Muslim |
| 11 | RAKSHA BANDHAN (to 12th) | Hindu |
| 12 | FESTIVAL OF THE HUNGRY GHOST / ZHONGQIUJIE | Chinese |
| 13 | OBON | Buddhist |
| 13 | O-BON (to 15th) | Japanese |
| 15 | ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Christian |
| 15 | ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Christian (orthodox) |
| 15 | DORMITION OF THE MOTHER GOD | Christian (Roman Catholics) |
| 16 | NAVROZE | Zoroastrian |
| 18 | JANMASHTAMI / KRISHNA JAYANTI (to 19th) | Hindu |
| 21 | KHORDAD SAL | Zoroastrian |
| 23 | PARYUSHAN PARVA | Jain |
| 28 | DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD | Christian (orthodox) |
| 30 | GANESH CHATURTHI (to 31st) | Hindu |

**September**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | INSTALLATION OF THE GURU GRANTH SAHIB IN THE HARMANDIR SAHIB IN AMRITSAR | Sikh |
| 2 | SAMVATSARI | Jain |
| 3 | FRAVARDIN MAH PARAB | Zoroastrian |
| 10 | RABBIT IN THE MOON FESTIVAL | Chinese |
| 11 | ETHIOPIAN NEW YEAR’S DAY | Rastafarian |
| 20 | HIGAN (to 26th) | Japanese |
| 22 | AUTUMN EQUINOX [MABON] | Pagan/ Wiccan |
| 23 | SHUBŪN NO HI | Japanese |
| 23 | HIGAN | Buddhist |
| 26 | ROSH HASHANNAH [to 27th Sept] | Jewish |
| 27 | NAVARATRI (to 2nd Oct) | Hindu |
| 28 | CONFUCIUS’ BIRTHDAY | Chinese |
| 29 | MICHEALMAS | National |

**Note**: Harvest Festival varies in Christian churches but is usually on a Sunday in September / October

**October**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | JASHN-E MEHERGAN | Zoroastrian |
| 2 | GANDHI JAYANT | Hindu |
| 3 | DURGASHTAMI | Hindu |
| 4 | DURGHA PUJA (to 9th) | Hindu |
| 5 | YOM KIPPUR | Jewish |
| 8 | THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD’S BIRTHDAY MILAD UL NABI [SUNNI] | Muslim |
| 9 | AVARANA DAY | Buddhist |
| 9 | NTERFAITH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE (to 16th) | National |
| 10 | SUKKOT (to 16th) | Jewish |
| 17 | SHEMINI ATZERET | Jewish |
| 18 | SIMCHAT TORAH | Jewish |
| 20 | SIMCHAT TORAH | Sikh |
| 24 | DIVAL | Hindu |
| 24 | DIWALI / DEEPAWALI | Jain |
| 24 | DIWALI BANDI CHHOR DIVAS | Sikh |
| 26 | ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE BAB | Baha’i |
| 27 | ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE BAHA’U’LLAH | Baha’i |
| 31 | SAMHAIN | Pagan/ Wiccan |
| 31 | SAMUINN | Druid |
| 31 | HALLOWE’EN | Pagan |
| 31 | WINTER NIGHTS | Pagan |

**November**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 1 | ALL SAINTS’ DAY | Christian |
| 2 | ALL SOULS’ DAY | Christian |
| 2 | ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROWNING OF HAILIE SALLASIE I | Rastafarian |
| 8 | BIRTHDAY OF GURU NANAK | Sikh |
| 8 | LOY KRAYTONG | Buddhist |
| 8 | ANAPANASATI DAY | Buddhist |
| 13 | INTERFAITH WEEK [to 21st] | National |
| 15 | SHICHI-GO-SAN | Japanese |
| 24 | MARTYRDOM OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR | Sikh |
| 25 | CLIMB A HIGH MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL | Chinese |
| 26 | DAY OF THE COVENANT | Baha’i |
| 27 | ADVENT SUNDAY | Christian |
| 28 | ASCENSION OF ABDU’L-BAHA | Baha’i |
| 30 | ST ANDREW’S DAY | Christian/ National |

**December**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Religion/Worldview** |
| 8 | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Christian (Roman Catholic) |
| 10 | HUMAN RIGHTS DAY | National |
| 19 | HANUKAH (to 26th) | Jewish |
| 21 | MARTYDOM ADJIT SINGH & JUJHAR SINGH | Sikh |
| 21 | WINTER SOLSTICE / ALBUN ARTHAN | Druid |
| 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE | Christian |
| 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY | Christian |
| 26 | ZARATOSHT NO DISO | Zoroastrian |
| 26 | MARTYDOM ZARAWAR SINGH & FATEH SINGH | Sikh |
| 31 | OMISOKA | Japanese |
| 31 | HOGMANAY | National |
| 31 | BODHI DAY | Buddhist |