GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT DELHI-110054

No.DE.23(544)/Sch.Br./2026/57 Dated: 21.01.2026

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Sub: Mandatory 220 Working Days in Academic Year 2026-27 in the Schools.

All the Heads of Schools are directed to adhere to the provision laid down in the section 19 of RTE Act- 2009 which envisages that every recognized school has to observe minimum of 220 Working Days for Upper Primary Classes in an Academic Year.

It is pertinent to mention that at least 220 Working Days have to be completed in an Academic Year (April to March) although the notified lists of Gazetted and Restricted Holidays are for the Calendar Year (January to December) (for primary classes the mandatory days are 200 per academic year).

Accordingly, all the HOS shall ensure that for the Academic Year 2026-27, each school shall complete at least 220 Working Days while planning the restricted/special holidays for the Calendar Year 2026 besides the following vacations/ breaks.

Beginning of academic session 2026-27: 01.04.2026 (Wednesday)

Summer Vacation:	**11.05.2026 (Monday) to 30.06.2026 (Tuesday)** (29 June 2026 & 30 June 2026 will be working days for teachers)
Autumn Break:	**17.10.2026 (Saturday) to 19.10.2026 (Monday)**
Winter Vacation:	**01.01.2027 (Friday) to 15.01.2027 (Friday)**

Further, all the Heads of Govt./ Govt. Aided/ Unaided Recognized Private Schools may observe seven (07) holidays i.e. 02 Restricted Holidays and 05 Special Holidays in the Calendar Year 2026 in addition to Gazetted Holidays as notified by the Administrator, GNCT Delhi subject to fulfilling the mandatory 220 Working Days.

The list of Restricted/ Special holidays, proposed to be observed in schools during 2026 will be approved by the concerned Zonal DDEs.

All the Heads of Schools will submit an undertaking in the enclosed format to the Zonal DDEs that their school shall ensure that at least 220 Working Days are observed during the academic session 2026-27. The record of the approved list of holidays in r/o each school must be maintained by the respective Zonal DDEs. The District DDEs will ensure the mandatory provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 in this regard.

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In case of Govt. Aided & Unaided Recognized Private Schools, the Principal/HoS would obtain approval of holidays from their respective managements. It is the responsibility of the respective school management to ensure that the schools under their control must observe a minimum of 220 working days in each academic year and undertaking in this regard should be submitted to the concerned Zonal DDEs.

This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Encls.: 1. Format of Undertaking
2. List of Holidays

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DDE (School)

Heads of all Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Private Recognized Schools of DoE through DEL-E.

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Copy to:-

1. Secretary to Hon'ble CM.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble MoE.
3. PS to Secretary (Education)
4. PPS to Director (Education).
5. CEO of Delhi Cantonment Board to issue directions accordingly.
6. Director (Education) of NDMC to issue directions accordingly.
7. Director (Education) of MCD to issue directions accordingly.
8. All RDEs and DDEs (District/ Zone) of Directorate of Education for necessary action please.
9. DDE (ASB) for necessary action.
10. DDE (PSB) for necessary action.
11. OS (IT) to place on the website.
12. Guard File.

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