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**The Education (School Day and School Year) (England)
(Amendment) Regulations 2023**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>20th February 2023</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>22nd February 2023</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>15th March 2023</i>

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 551 and 569(4) of the Education Act 1996(a).

Citation, commencement and extent

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on 15th March 2023.
- (3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendment of the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999

2. In the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999(b), in regulation 3, after paragraph (7) insert—
- “(8) In relation to the 2022-2023 school year, the reference in paragraph (2) to 380 sessions is to be taken as a reference to 376 sessions.”.

20th February 2023

Nick Gibb
Minister of State
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(a) 1996 c. 56. For the definition of “regulations” see section 579(1) of that Act. Section 551(1A) was inserted by paragraph 39 of Schedule 7 to the Education Act 1997 (c. 44). Section 551(2) was amended by paragraph 166 of Schedule 30 to, and by Schedule 31 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) and by S.I. 2010/1158. There are amendments to section 569 that are not relevant.

(b) S.I. 1999/3181, amended by S.I. 2001/1429, 2007/3071, 2010/604 and 2021/541. Other amending instruments are not relevant.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (“the 1999 Regulations”), which set out the minimum number of school sessions that must be held during a school year at every school maintained by a local authority and every special school not maintained by a local authority in England. Each school day typically consists of two sessions.

Regulation 3(2) of the 1999 Regulations gives the minimum number of sessions in a school year as 380. These Regulations add a new paragraph (8) that reduces the minimum number of sessions in the school year 2022-23 to 376. This is to allow for schools’ closure for two additional bank holidays in that school year: the bank holiday on 19 September 2022 for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the bank holiday on 8 May 2023 for the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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