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All Chief Secretaries to the Provincial Councils,
All Secretaries to the Provincial Ministries of Education,
All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
All Deputy/Assistant Divisional Directors of Education,
All Principal Theros of Pirivenas,
All Principals of Government and Government Approved Private Schools,

School Calendar - 2023

01. The School Calendar and related particulars to be followed within the year 2023 are as follows

I. For Sinhala and Tamil Schools

First Term	<p><u>First Phase</u> Monday 27th March 2023 to Tuesday 04th April 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 05.04.2023 to 16.04.2023)</p> <p><u>Second Phase</u> Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 12th May 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 13.05.2023 to 24.05.2023 for G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination - 2022)</p> <p><u>Third Phase</u> Thursday 25th May 2023 to Thursday 20th July 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 21.07.2023 to 23.07.2023)</p>
Second Term	Monday 24 th July 2023 to Friday 13 th October 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 14.10.2023 to 12.11. 2023 for Grade 05 Scholarship Examination – 2023 and G.C.E (Advanced Level) Examination – 2023)
Third Term	<p><u>First Phase</u> Monday 13th November 2023 to Friday 22nd December 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 23.12.2023 to 01.01.2024)</p> <p><u>Second Phase</u> Tuesday 02nd January 2024 to Friday 09th February 2024 (both days inclusive)</p>

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II. For Muslim Schools

First Term	<p><u>First Phase</u> Monday 24th April 2023 to Friday 12th May 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 13.05.2023 to 24.05.2023 for G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination – 2022)</p> <p><u>Second Phase</u> Thursday 25th May 2023 to Thursday 20th July 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 21.07.2023 to 23.07.2023)</p>
Second Term	Monday 24 th July 2023 to Tuesday 31 st October 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 01.11.2023 to 12.11.2023)
Third Term	<p><u>First Phase</u> Monday 13th November 2023 to Friday 22nd December 2023 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 23.12.2023 to 01.01.2024)</p> <p><u>Second Phase</u> Tuesday 02nd January 2024 to Friday 09th February 2024 (both days inclusive)</p>

02. If each Provincial Ministries of Education views that it needs to make changes in the school calendar in accordance with circumstances identical in their respective provinces, this calendar may be amended subject to the following conditions and in compliance with the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

2.1. As per the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education regarding the school calendar, the emphasis has been given that all schools in Sri Lanka should be held for 210 days per year. However, according to the public holidays of the year 2023 and as the school year starts on 27th March 2023, it has been impossible to hold the schools for 210 days. Consequently, for the year 2023, all government and government-approved private schools and approved pirivenas should be held for 179 days.

2.2. Since the G.C.E (A /L) Examination 2023 is to be held in October and the G.C.E (O/L) Examination is scheduled in the first half of the year 2024, the school vacations in October should be granted as scheduled in the calendar.

03. All schools will be closed during public holidays declared by the Government, Sundays and school holidays. However, if the school has to be closed on a day when the school should be held due to a special reason, the sessions in lieu of such day have to be held.

04. The Calendar of Public Holidays for the year 2023 is hereby sent to you (Annex-I) and the calendar of the school activities will be published on the website of the Ministry of Education (www.moe.gov.lk).

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In case of any issues arisen during the implementation of this calendar, please feel free to contact the Director of Education, School Activities Branch.

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List of Holidays - 2023

January	06	Friday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
January	15	Sunday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
February	04	Saturday	National Independence Day	* =
February	05	Sunday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
February	18	Saturday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	06	Monday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	05	Wednesday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	07	Friday	Good Friday	* =
April	13	Thursday	Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	14	Friday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	22	Saturday	Id Ul-Fitr (Ramadan Festival)	* =
May	01	Monday	May Day	* =
May	05	Friday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	06	Saturday	Day following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	03	Saturday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	29	Thursday	Id Ul-Alha (Hajj festival)	* =
June	03	Monday	Adhi Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	01	Tuesday	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	30	Wednesday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	28	Thursday	(Milad un-Nabi) Holy Prophet's Birthday	* =
September	29	Friday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	28	Saturday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
November	12	Sunday	Deepavali	* =
November	26	Sunday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Monday	Christmas Day	* =
December	26	Tuesday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =

* Public Holidays = Bank Holidays