

Regents Park Community College

Early School Closure & Statutory Regulations

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Statutory

Early school closure and statutory regulations:

How Regents Park Community College meets it statutory obligations in offering 190 days, 380 school sessions. Teachers are normally contracted to work 195 days, of which 5 are INSET days which do not affect a student's statutory entitlement. Governing Bodies and Headteachers are free to set these as and when they feel is most appropriate. It is important to note that these 5 days do not deny a student of an education as long as they are attending school for 190 days.

What the school offers as part of this provision:

The statutory regulations state that a school must be open for learning for 190 days and offer 380 school sessions. The legislation states that morning and afternoon session must be split by a break and the school can define which break this is as to define the two sessions.

At Regents Park Community College, the school day is as follows:

At its core the school offers 30 hours minimum learning per week which is 1140 hours of classroom learning per year. Over 5 years this is 5700 hours of classroom learning.

The school highly prides itself on after school subject clubs, activities, trips, fixtures and revision sessions to enrich and broaden a love of learning. Most sessions last for a minimum of 1 hour each day, if we assume that this takes place after school this is an additional 195 hours available. This does not include learning times for overseas visits.

Regents Park Community College does not offer Target setting days or Information and Guidance Days as these are unlawful.

Our February half term and Easter revision sessions for Year 11 students will be confirmed later.

In total, for a student who has started their life at Regents Park and leave in Year 11, they have an additional maximum learning of 975 hours

Partial school closure:

During the academic year the school only has two partial closures.

As with the vast majority of schools the school closes early in the autumn term for Christmas and early in the summer term before we break up for the summer holidays.

Excluding breaks, this is 3 hours and 20 minutes per year and 16 hours over 5 years

In total, from the total amount of classroom learning over 5 years is 5700 minus the closure time over the 5 years of 16 hours, means that the total learning is actually 5684.

The time gained in total for the 16 hours missed learning is 195. If you take off the 16 hours missed time, this is 179. So over a 5 year period, 16 hours learning time is lost but an extra 895 is offered above and beyond the statutory session time of 5700 which in total gives 6595 hours of learning.

This does not include homework.

We believe that we fully meet the statutory guidelines on sessions and time lost and gained.