



Statutory Document No. 555/04

THE EDUCATION ACT 2001

THE EDUCATION (CURRICULUM) (NO. 2) ORDER 2004

Coming into operation

1st October 2004

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Education by section 8(1) of the Education Act 2001¹, and of all other enabling powers, and after consulting such organisations representative of teachers, and such other persons and bodies, as that Department considers appropriate, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. Citation and commencement

This Order may be cited as the Education (Curriculum) (No. 2) Order 2004 and shall come into operation on the 1st October 2004.

2. Prescribed curriculum

The curriculum for all registered pupils at provided schools and maintained schools shall be that specified in the Schedule.

3. Revocation

The Education (Curriculum) Order 2004² is revoked.

¹ 2001 c.33

² SD 427/04

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Article 2.

SCHEDULE PRESCRIBED CURRICULUM

General principles

1. (1) The following principles shall apply to the curriculum for all pupils of compulsory school age:-
- (a) all pupils shall follow a broad and balanced curriculum;
 - (b) any choices available within the curriculum should be both clear and explicit so that decisions are made with the informed consent of parents and (where appropriate) pupils;
 - (c) where appropriate, the content of all subjects shall include references to Manx culture and history;
 - (d) all teaching shall promote the personal spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and contribute to their education in the fields of —
 - (i) health;
 - (ii) careers;
 - (iii) citizenship;
 - (iv) numeracy and literacy; and
 - (v) thinking skills and creativity;
 - (e) religious education shall be given in accordance with section 12 of the Act.
 - (2) For the avoidance of doubt, in this Schedule "Manx culture" includes Manx Gaelic.

Pupils aged up to 5 years (Foundation Stage)

2. The curriculum for pupils aged up to 5 years in schools shall include —
- (a) personal, social and emotional development;
 - (b) communication, language and literacy;
 - (c) mathematical development;
 - (d) knowledge and understanding of the world;
 - (e) physical development; and
 - (f) creative development.

Pupils aged from 5 to 14 years (Key Stages 1, 2 and 3)

3. (1) The curriculum for pupils aged from 5 to 14 years shall include —
- (a) English;
 - (b) mathematics;
 - (c) science;
 - (d) religious education;
 - (e) physical education;
 - (f) design technology;
 - (g) information and communication technology;
 - (h) history;
 - (i) geography;
 - (j) art and design;

- (k) music; and
- (l) Manx culture and history (which may be taught through other subjects).
- (2) In the case of pupils aged 7 to 11 years (Key Stage 2), the curriculum shall include –
 - (a) French; and
 - (b) as an option, Manx Gaelic.
- (3) The curriculum for pupils aged from 11 to 14 years (Key Stage 3) shall include –
 - (a) French;
 - (b) citizenship; and
 - (c) as an option, Manx Gaelic.

Pupils aged from 14 to 16 years (Key Stage 4)

4. (1) The following principles shall apply to the curriculum for all pupils aged from 14 to 16 years:—
- (a) all courses shall lead to a recognised external accreditation at the highest level achievable by the pupil, wherever this is available and appropriate;
 - (b) subject to paragraph (1)(a), there shall be a degree of choice of subjects, and pupils shall be encouraged to follow courses of study which will best allow them to achieve success and meet their aspirations;
 - (c) the curriculum shall be relevant to the world of work and, for some pupils, may be explicitly so through specially designed programmes of study.
 - (2) The curriculum for pupils aged from 14 to 16 years shall include —
 - (a) English;
 - (b) mathematics;
 - (c) science (single or dual award or 3 separate sciences);
 - (d) religious education;
 - (e) physical education; and
 - (f) Manx culture and history (which may be taught through other subjects).
 - (3) In addition a range of other subject options shall be available to all pupils aged from 14 to 16 years, which shall include —
 - (a) a modern foreign language;
 - (b) a humanities course (one or more of —
 - (i) history,
 - (ii) geography,
 - (iii) economics, and
 - (iv) politics);
 - (c) information and communication technology (which may be taught through other subjects);
 - (d) design technology;
 - (e) art and design;
 - (f) music;
 - (g) Manx Gaelic; and
 - (h) vocational options.

(4) No subject option which does not lead to a recognised external accreditation shall be offered without the prior approval of the governors of the school.

MADE 6th September 2004

Minister for Education

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prescribes the curriculum for registered pupils of compulsory school age at schools provided or maintained by the Department of Education. It corrects an omission from the Education (Curriculum) Order 2004, which is revoked.