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Chuig: Príomhoidí agus Boird Ghobharnóirí
na nIar-Bhunscoileanna
deontaschúnta uile; Boird
Oideachais agus Leabharlann; agus
Comhairle na Scoileanna
Caitliceacha faoi Chothabháil

13 Meán Fómhair 2010

A Chomhghleacaithe, a chairde,

MÉID NA RANGANNA IN ÁBHAIR PHRAITICIÚLA

Tá comhairle agus treoir do scoileanna le fáil i gCiorclán 2004/5 de chuid na Roinne Oideachais maidir le méid na ranganna in ábhair phraiticiúla in Iar-bhunscoileanna.

Leagann Paragraf 5 agus 6 amach cúinsí ina mbeadh an Roinn sásta rang thar 20 dalta a cheadú don Eolaíocht, don Ealaín agus Dearadh agus do Chorpoideachas, i gcás gur dócha nach gcuirfidh gníomhaíochtaí na n-ábhar sin isteach ar shláinte agus ar shábháilteacht na ndaltaí sa rang. Faoi Ordú um Shláinte agus um Shábháilteacht ag an Obair (Tuaisceart Éireann) 1978, tá freagracht dhlíthiúil ar scoileanna sláinte agus sábháilteacht a gcuid fostaithe agus daoine eile ar a n-áitribh a chinntiú. Agus méid na ranganna á cinntiú, ní mór do scoileanna rioscaí sláinte agus sábháilteachta na ngníomhaíochtaí a mheas sna hábhair phraiticiúla éagsúla.

Is é aidhm na litreach seo a chur i gcuimhne do scoileanna go dtig leo glacadh leis go bhfuil cead na Roinne acu

To: Principals and Boards of Governors
of all grant-aided Post-primary
schools; Education and Library
Boards; and the Council for Catholic
Maintained Schools

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Dear Colleagues

CLASS SIZES IN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

The Department of Education's Circular 2004/5 provides advice and guidance for schools on class sizes in practical subjects in Post-primary schools.

Paragraphs 5 and 6 detail circumstances when the Department is prepared to approve a class size in excess of 20 for Science, Art and Design and PE, where activities are unlikely to pose any risk to the health and safety of the pupils in the class. Under the Health and Safety at Work Order (Northern Ireland) 1978, schools have a legal responsibility to ensure the health and safety of employees and other persons on their premises. In determining class sizes it is therefore a matter for school authorities to assess the health and safety risks of activities in the various practical subjects.

The purpose of this letter is to remind schools that they can assume the Department's approval for an increase in class size as set out in paragraph 6 of Circular 2004/5 but only if they have carried out the appropriate health and safety assessments and are content that there is

agus méid na ranganna a mhéadú de réir mar atá leagtha amach i mír 6 de Chiorclán 2004/5 fad is go bhfuil na measúnuithe cuí sláinte agus sábháilteachta déanta acu agus iad sásta gur beag riosca atá ann do dhaltaí sa rang.

Le comhairle agus treoir a fháil, go háirithe i dtaca le measúnuithe riosca a dhéanamh, ba chóir do scoileanna teagmháil a dhéanamh leis na foinsí seo a leanas:-

Eolaíocht

Tá rochtain ag scoileanna ar CLEAPSS (<http://www.cleapss.org.uk>) trína mBord Oideachais agus Leabharlann (BOL). Is seirbhís comhairle é CLEAPSS a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht in eolaíocht agus teicneolaíocht do chuibhreannas údarás áitiúil lena n-áirítear na BOL agus a gcuid scoileanna, lena n-áirítear bunaíochtaí do dhaltaí a bhfuil sainriachtanais orthu. Soláthraíonn CLEAPSS lámhleabhair, CD ROManna, treoir measúnú riosca, samplaí de dhea-chleachtas, treoir faoi smacht a choinneáil ar shubstaintí atá contúirteach don tsláinte (COSHH) agus saincheisteanna sláinte agus sábháilteachta eile.

Ealaín agus Dearadh

Soláthraíonn NSEAD/CNOED (Cumann Náisiúnta um Oideachas in Ealaín agus Dearadh) an treoir is ábhartha agus is nua-aimseartha d'Ealaín agus Dearadh trína foilseachán 'Treoir maidir le Cleachtas Sábháilte in Ealaín agus Dearadh' a chuimsíonn mír an-úsáideach ar mheasúnú riosca – féach www.nsead.org.

CORPOIDEACHAS

Eagrán 2008 de 'Cleachtas Sábháilte i gCorpoideachas agus Spórt Scoile' arna fhoilsiú ag an Chumann um Chorpoidéachas, (AfPE), a eisíodh do gach scoil i Samhain 2008.

Mise, le meas,

an unlikely risk to pupils in the class. For advice and guidance, particularly in terms of carrying out risk assessments schools should consult the following: -

Science

Schools have access to CLEAPSS (<http://www.cleapss.org.uk>) through their Education and Library Board (ELB). CLEAPSS is an advisory service providing support in science and technology for a consortium of local authorities including the ELBs and their schools, including establishments for pupils with special needs. CLEAPSS provides handbooks, CD ROMs, risk assessment guidance, examples of good practice, guidance on the control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) and other health and safety issues.

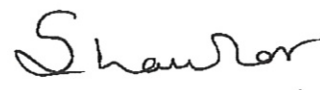
Art and Design

The NSEAD (National Society for Education in Art and Design) provide the most relevant and up to date guidance for Art and Design through their publication 'A Guide to safe Practice in Art and Design' which includes a very useful section on risk assessment – see www.nsead.org.

PE

The 2008 edition of 'Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport' published by the Association for Physical Education, (AfPE), which was issued to all schools in November 2008.

Yours sincerely



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