

The Revised Curriculum

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This blaudie sets out for ye the wey the revised curriculum will hae an impact tae the leir yeir bairn bes takkan on. A wis aible for peyan a veesit tae a wheen schuils an leukan owre the wey hit his giean dominies mair flexibiltie wi winnan tae the leir needs o aa our bairns.

The earlie yeirs in a bairns leir is gey importan, an this is hou the Foundation Stage wis sat up for tae help bring on the readin an writin skeils as will sair thaim athort thair lyfes. An yeir bairn gan throu thair primarie schuil yeirs, new skeils will be brocht in an on at a rake at gaes wi thair needs an abilities.

The revised curriculum haulds aa the heid elements yeir bairn will be needan tae help gie thaim wittins anent thair chyces for futur career options an A am confident at our Principals an dominies will gae on deliveran it in the best interests o aa our bairns an young fowk.



Caitríona Ruane
Minister o Leir



Revised Curriculum

A revised schuil curriculum is a-bringan in, hannan the seven yeir o primarie schuil (Yeirs 1 tae 7) an the first fyve yeir o efter-primarie schuil (Yeirs 8 tae 12) as ablo:

Academic Yeir	Revised curriculum in for Yeir Curns
2007/08	Yrs 1,5,8,11
2008/09	Yrs 2,6,9,12
2009/10	Yrs 3,4,7,10

Gin Juin 2012, schuils will hae haen three yeir or mair o implement for ilka yeir curn.

Why a revised curriculum? What are the benefits for my child?

We bides in chyngean tymes, an the schuil curriculum needan tae chynge wi thaim. The revised curriculum will gie bairns a better buskin for the lyfe an the wark in the 21t hunneryeir, giean thaim the leir an skeils thay ar needan.



Twathree things besna chyngean. The airts happit frae the revised curriculum is, afore aa, the lyke o thaim happit unner the curriculum afore. Bringan on yeir bairns ken an forstaundin will gae on bean a heid ettle. An thar will be a strang focus tae the readin, writin an maths, as bes at the mids o yeir bairns forder in the leir an the lyfe efter.

Whit bes chyngean is at, no lyke in the curriculum afore, the inby for ilka airt isna sat out in a muckle detail. Thar nou mair emphasis tae the oncum o the skeils yeir bairn bes needan – as bes, whit thay can dae, no juist whit thay knaws an forstaunds.

The Foundation Stage is meanan at it bes easier for dominies tae gie yeir bairn inlets, an thaim



stairtan at the schuil, for tae learn in practical roads, for ensaumple, comprehendan outsat play daeins. This will gie thaim a haund wi the oncum o thair literacie an numeracie skeils, comprehendan thair readin an thair talkit langage. It is meanan at dominies can gie yeir bairn a haund wi the learnin in a fun wey, fingan thair imagination an helpan thaim wi enjyeen the learnin.

An us no settan out the inby o the curriculum in sae muckle detail, schuils/dominies will hae mair flexibilitie anent the wey thay delivers the curriculum for tae win tae bairns needs.

Dominies, wi gan wi the revised curriculum, will gae on wi the focus on the helpin o yeir bairn gan foreairt in aa airts o the curriculum an will hauld up the oncum o yeir bairn's skeils. This comprehends the kin skeils at thaim giean out employ bes leukan, the lyke o the heid skeils o the readin, writin an maths, skeils in ICT (Information and Communications Technology), the abilitie for tae cum owre weil, wark wi ithers, an reddan problems up.

Aa this will gie yeir bairn better buskin for the lyfe an the wark in a chyngean warld.

Aa bairns haes the richt tae a braid an balanced leir, at thay will get wi the revised curriculum. For bairns as gaes throu sweir learnin pynts, dominies will wirk wi ye as parents for tae identifee bairns needs an tak action for tae redd thaim up. An yeir bairn haean byordinar leir needs, cumman frae sweir learnin pynts, the schuil will pit in an aefauld leir ploy. An the byordinar

leir needs bean gey muckle, the schuil cud leuk rede, uphau'd or a pruiw frae the hamelie Leir an Librarie Buir'd.

Whit airts will the revised curriculum hap owre?

Forby Religious Leir, the airts happit frae the revised curriculum bes:

Primarie
Langage & Literacie
Mathematics & Numeracie
The Airts (Airt & Design, Drama an Music)
The World Aroun Us (Geographie, Historie, Science & Technologie)
Oncum o Bodie & Twa-Wey Forstaundin
Pheisical Leir



The details o the inby o the revised curriculum

will chyng'e, an yeir bairn gan on frae ae Key Stage tae anither. The Key Stages bes:

Foundation Stage	Yeirs 1 an 2 o the primarie schuil
Key Stage 1	Yeirs 3 an 4 o the primarie schuil
Key Stage 2	Yeirs 5,6 an 7 o the primarie schuil
Key Stage 3	Yeirs 8, 9 an 10 o the efter-primarie schuil
Key Stage 4	Yeirs 11 an 12 o the efter-primarie schuil

This is the 12 yeir whaniver yeir bairn maun gae tae the schuil. Efter Key Stage 4 thay cud gae intae a schuil saxt form or tae a college o farder leir, or get trainin or a jab.

Pruiw o Yeir Bairns Oncum

Yeir bairn will gae on wi pruiw frae thair class or subject dominie for tae see whitwey thay ar daean at the schuil. This gies dominies wi seean whit oncum yeir bairn bes

efter makkan, comprehendan whit yeir bairn finds easie or sweir. This gies wittins as schuils can gie ye. Hit gies the dominie a haund wi the plannin o the wey o helpin yeir bairn mak farder oncum. Hit gies wittins for tae gie aulder bairns a haund wi makkan chyces anent the examination courses thay will follae an the qualifications an careers thay ar leukan.

Dominies will gae on wi the pruiwin o yeir bairn in aa the differan airts o the curriculum. This is tae see whit ken an forstaundin yeir bairn haes won in the schuil yeir. Dominies can mak uiss o differan weys for tae pruiw bairns an cud mak uiss o differan forms o pruiw for tae gie thaim a haund an see whaur yeir bairn is at differan pynts in the schuil yeir.

In the heid airts o Langage & Literacie an Mathematics & Numeracie, dominies thenou cairries out pruiws for tae see the oncum yeir bairn haes made agin sartin levels. (At the hinner end o Key Stages 1, 2 an 3 bairns bes

expectit tae be won tae sartin levels.)

We will be makkan twathree chyngees tae arryngements for pruiwin, an the revised curriculum put in for aa bairns in Yeirs 1 tae 12. This is for tae pit owre the focus in the curriculum tae necessar skeils, the lyke o communication an uisean maths. Pruiws will be agin levels relate tae thir skeils. This will lea ye know hou yeir bairn bes daean an gin thay ar won tae the level expectit for thair eild in airts the lyke o the readin, writin an maths. Ye will get mair wittins anent thir levels afore thay ar made uiss o for tae pruiw yeir bairn. Bairns in Earse-medium schuils or units will gae on a-pruiwan throu the medium o the Earse.

InCAS in the primarie schuils

The Interactive Computerised Assessment System (InCAS) helps primarie schuil dominies see whit yeir bairn finds easie or hard in the heid airts o the readin an the

maths. Thir assessments (pruiws) is cairiet out in the hairst term (September tae December) sae as dominies can see the outcums earlie in the schuil yeir. Thay will gae wi onie ither kin pruiwin made uiss o frae the schuil. Thay will comprehend a readin age outcum an a mathematical age outcum for yeir bairn, shawan the wey thay ar daean for thair eild. This will gie dominies a haund wi decidan the wey o giean yer bairn help wi makkan farder oncum.

Bairns in sartin primarie schuil yeir curns will tak in the InCAS pruiws.

School Yeir	Yeir Curns takkan in InCAS pruiws in the hairst term
2008/09	Yeirs 5 and 6
2009/10 an efter	Yeirs 4, 5, 6 and 7

An yeir bairn in thae yeir curns, thay will dae this pruiw on a computer in ordinar class tyme. This is nae formal test. Bairns in Earse-medium schuils an units can

dae the pruiw throu the medium o the Earse.

Dins tae Ye anent Yeir Bairns Oncum

Ye will gae on gettan a yeirlie din at the hinner end o ilka schuil yeir. This will gie ye wittins anent the wey yeir bairn bes daean in the sindert airts o the curriculum, comprehendan the oncum o skeils o communication an uisean maths.

An yeir bairn in a yeir curn at daes the InCAS pruiw, ye will be buid a forgaiter at the schuil an the pruiw outcums will be talkit owre wi ye in the hairst term o the schuil yeir – thay winna be shawed mair on the yeirlie din acause siclyke cums at the hinner end o the schuil yeir.

Owre the twa yeir cumman, a mair staundart format is a-bringan in for the yeirlie din. This bes whyles cryed the pupil profile. This is meanan at nae maiter whilk schuil yeir bairn gaes tae, the din will hae the ae outset. A when parents will ay hae haen a yeirlie din in

the staundart format in Juin 2008. Frae Juin 2009 ye will get sicna din, an yeir bairn in Yeirs 1, 2, 5 an 6. Frae Juin 2010, parents o aa bairns in Yeirs 1 tae 7 will get a yeirlie din in the staundart format.

Uphauld for Schuils an Dominies

Dominies is takkan on trainin, an daeins/blauds for giean leir an uphauld bes a-giean out for tae gie aa schuils a haund wi deliveran the revised curriculum an pittan in the arryngements for pruiws an dins. Forby, primarie schuils bes takkan on siller forby for classruim helpers an daeins for tae gie thaim a haund wi winnan tae the pairticular needs o the curriculum for bairns in Yeirs 1 an 2.

Whit mair is a-dae?

The Leir Minister, Cairtriona Ruane, haes put fore propones anent the wey bairns sud gae owre frae primarie tae efter-primarie schuils frae 2009/10. Owregae arryngements will hae nae ill

impact tae the revised curriculum an dominies winna be giean leir til a test. This is a heid ettle for the Minister, an ye will tak in wittins anent this frae the Depairtment afore owregie 2010. Aa schuils will be deliveran the revised curriculum, an the arryngements for pruiws an dins, yit.

Whaur kythes mair wittins?

Ye will get yeirsel wittins anent the chynges, an thaim haean an impact tae yeir bairn. Ye can get mair wittins on the Depairtment Leirs wabsteid forby:

www.deni.gov.uk. An ye bean for seean mair detail anent the revised curriculum, arryngements for pruiws an dins, ye can pey a veesit tae the revised curriculum wabsteid at:

www.nicurriculum.org.uk.

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