



Education Department Policy

Title:	Physical Education Curriculum Policy
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Overview

A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. It should provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.

Aims

- The Jersey curriculum for physical education aims to ensure that all pupils:
- develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities
- are physically active for sustained periods of time
- engage in competitive sports and activities
- use and experience the natural outdoor learning resources of Jersey
- lead healthy, active lives

Attainment targets

By the end of each key stage, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the matters, skills and processes specified in the relevant programme of study.

Scope

This guidance applies to all educational settings in Jersey. The minimum expectations reflects the expectations and good practice of quality teaching and learning in PE.

Responsibilities and distribution

The Principal or Head teacher, alongside the PE Coordinator, will be responsible for ensuring high standards are maintained in PE and health and safety is adhered to.

Further information and related documents

Policy and Practice Guidance - Physical Education: Education Department Health and Safety Operational Policy

Association for Physical Education (afPE): 'Safe Practice in Physical Education'.

Policy and Practice Guidance - Swimming: Education Department Health and Safety Operational Policy
Safe Supervision of programmed swimming lessons and training sessions. SwimWales.org

PE Curriculum

Refer to statutory JERSEY CURRICULUM – Physical Education (2014)

STAFF COMPETENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Teachers with responsibility for the planning and delivery of PE programmes should have satisfactorily completed appropriate initial and/or in-service training which cover all those aspects of activity required to be taught, as recognised by the Education Department.

Head teachers should ensure that teaching of PE in schools is delivered and/or supervised by suitably qualified and competent adults.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ENTITLEMENT

PE is a statutory requirement of the Jersey Curriculum and forms a key part of each pupil's educational entitlement. All pupils shall have access to the subject, regardless of their gender, specific learning needs, disability, race or cultural background. All pupils should be provided with learning experiences that are designed to enable them to experience success and pleasure, gain confidence and acquire competence in PE.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The general teaching requirement for health and safety applies in this subject. Pupils should be taught to consider their own safety and the safety of others at all times.

Colleagues should refer to the States of Jersey Education Department Policy and Practice Guidance for PE¹ and swimming².

School policy must ensure that Risk Assessments are undertaken in line with this guidance and reflect whole school Health and Safety policies.

All schools should have copies of risk assessments retained on file and readily available. They should be reviewed annually, and after any incidents, to ensure the safety of all pupils. However, the risk assessment must take account of the local circumstances. It is necessary, therefore, for all staff to consider carefully what they are doing when organising activities and lessons or when dealing with any other hazard.

All large items of equipment are inspected annually by an independent safety expert under a contract from Education, Property Holdings. The afPE publication 'Safe Practice in PE' should be available to all staff.

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¹ The PE policy can be accessed at: www.gov.je/educationpolicies under 'Health and Safety'

² The Swimming policy can be accessed at: www.gov.je/educationpolicies under 'Health and Safety'

CHANGE HISTORY

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Education Minister		

Additional Information

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