

# The Revised Curriculum

The way we ar for pruiwan yeir  
bairn an giean ye a din

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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 able for peyan a veesit tae a when schuils an leukan owre the wey hit his giean dominies mair flexibilitie wi winnan tae the leir needs o aa our bairns.

The warld aroun us is fair chyngean quack. We ar needan tae mak sicar our leir seistem is capable o giean our young fowk a haund wi bringan on the heid skeils thay will be needan in the yeirs afore. Skeils for tae gie thaim graith thaim for tae mak uiss o new technologies, for tae communicate weil, for tae wirk bean a pairt o a team, forby gan on wi bringan on thair levels o literacie an numeracie.

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.



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## Revised Curriculum

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

Academic Year	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.

**Hou a revised curriculum? Whit wad the avantages be for ma bairn?**

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.

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, uphauld or a pruiw frae the hamelie Leir an Librarie Buird.

### Whit airts will the revised curriculum hap owre?

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

<b>Efter-primarie</b>
Langage & Literacie
Mathematics & Numeracie
The Airts (Airt & Design, Drama an Music)
Environs & Societie (Geographie, Historie)
Science & Technologie
Learnin for the Lyfe an Wark (Oncum o Bodie, Citizenship, Employabilitie. An Hame Economics in Yeirs 8 tae 10)
Pheisical Leir
Modren Leids

The detailed content of the revised curriculum will change as your



child progresses from one Key Stage to another. The Key Stages are:

Key Stage 3	Yeirs 8, 9 an 10 o efter-primarie schuil
Key Stage 4	Yeirs 11 an 12 o efter-primarie schuil

Thir is the efter-primarie yeirs 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.

## The Entitlement Framework

Forby the revised curriculum, the Entitlement Framework will be brocht in 2013 for pupils o age 14 or mair. An yeir bairn walean thair GCSEs, A-Levels or ither courses o the ae level, thair schuil will be able for makkan open a braider reinge courses for tae best cum tae thair needs. This provision will gie thaim the inlet for tae gae on tae farder an heicher leir, for tae cum intae a trainin scheme or for tae tak up employ.

The tairget date for the fou implement o the Entitlement Framework is September 2013 an, gin thon tyme, schuils will pit out a minimum nummer courses



(tairgets thenou – 24 courses at Key Stage 4 an 27 courses efter 16). Aa schuils will maun pit out baith owreea an appleed courses. Owreea courses cud be mair academic nor appleed courses. An appleed courses differan in the wey thay ar a-pruiwan, thay maun be at the ae level – near the lyke o GCSE at Key Stage 4 an GCE at efter 16.

A when schuils will be aible for pittan out a braid reinge courses thair ain sels, but for monie, access tae the fou Entitlement Framework will be gien throu the wark wi ithar schuils, farder leir colleges an/or trainin curns. A when schuils bes ay wirkan wi ilkaither an wi farder leir colleges in Learning Commonties for tae big

up the reinge courses put out tae thair pupils. Plannin thegither in this wey will mak sicar at whitiver yeir bairns interests an talents, thar sud be a mair appropriate reinge courses open claucht intae futur career pads. Yeir bairn will tak on heich qualitie rede an guidin for tae gie thaim a haund, an makkan thair chyces.

### **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 wun 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 wun tae sartin levels.)

We will be makkan twathree chyniges 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 wun 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.

In Yeirs 12, 13 an 14, the maist fek bairns will dae GCSEs, AS an A-Level or ither public examinations.

## **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.

Owre the twayeir cumman, a mair staundart format bes a-bringan in for the yeirlie din. This bes whyles kent as the pupil profile. This is meanan at nae maiter whilk schuil yeir bairn gaes tae, the din will hae the ae outset. Frae Juin 2009 ye will get sicna din, an yeir

bairn in Yeirs 8 an 9. Frae Juin 2010 parents o aa bairns in Yeirs 8 tae 12 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, Caitriona 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](http://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](http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk) .

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