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EDUCATION

Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made . . . . . 11th June 1993

Coming into operation in accordance with Articles 1(2), 3 and 4

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(1)(*a*) and (5) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993.

(2) This Article and Article 2 shall come into operation on 1st August 1993 and all other provisions of this Order in accordance with Articles 3 and 4.

Revocation

2. The Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Commencement

3. The provisions of this Order relating to the first, second and third key stages shall come into operation on 1st August 1993.

4. The provisions of this Order relating to the fourth key stage shall come into operation—

(*a*) on 1st August 1993 in respect of pupils in the first year of that key stage; and

(*b*) on 1st August 1994 in respect of pupils in the second year of that key stage.

Interpretation

5. In this Order "Document A" and "Document B" mean the documents published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office entitled "Science,

(**a**) S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20)
(**b**) S.R. 1992 No. 205

Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets 1992''(**a**) and ''Single Science, Programme of Study and Attainment Targets''(**b**) respectively; and references to levels of attainment are references to the levels set out in the documents in relation to each attainment target.

Specification of programmes of study and attainment targets

6. It is hereby directed that the provisions relating to programmes of study and attainment targets set out in the documents shall have effect as provided in Articles 7 to 10 for the purpose of specifying in relation to Science—

(*a*) programmes of study; and

(*b*) attainment targets.

7. The programmes of study for key stages 1 to 3 described in Document A (which relate to the attainment targets referred to in Article 8) are specified in relation to key stages 1 to 3 as set out in the Document.

8. The attainment targets described in Document A are specified as follows in relation to key stages 1 to 3, the levels of attainment applicable being those appropriate to the different abilities and maturities of the pupils being taught—

(*a*) for the first key stage, levels 1 to 3;

(*b*) for the second key stage, levels 2 to 5; and

(*c*) for the third key stage, levels 3 to 7.

9. Either the programme of study for key stage 4 described in Document A (which relates to the attainment targets referred to in Article 10(1)) or the programme of study described in Document B (which relates to the attainment targets referred to in Article 10(2)) is specified in relation to key stage 4 as set out in Document A or B respectively.

10.—(1) The attainment targets relating to the programme of study for key stage 4 described in Document A are specified in relation to that key stage at levels 4 to 10.

(2) The attainment targets relating to the programme of study described in Document B are specified in relation to key stage 4 at levels 4 to 10.

11. The contents printed in italics in the Documents (which serve to illustrate the programmes of study and attainment targets described) do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 11th June 1993.

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(**b**) ISBN 0 337 04246 2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, made under Article 7(1) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (''the 1989 Order'') specifies programmes of study and attainment targets in relation to Science.

Article 7(5) of the 1989 Order allows for an Order under Article 7(1), instead of containing the provisions to be made, to refer to provisions in a Document published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office and to direct that these provisions shall have effect according to the Order.

This Order provides the option to teach at key stage 4 a single award science course rather than the double award course contained in the programme of study and attainment targets specified by the Curriculum (Programme of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992 (the 1992 Order). The single award course is described in a new Document: the Document specified in the 1992 Order (the 1992 Document), which contains the double award course at key stage 4, remains unchanged. Accordingly, this Order revokes the 1992 Order, and, while reinstating the contents of the 1992 Document as they apply to key stages 1 to 3, directs that the programmes of study and attainment targets in either of the Documents are specified in relation to key stage 4.

This Order further provides that any contents printed in italics in the Documents are for illustrative purposes only, and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

This Order comes into operation on a phased basis from 1st August 1993.

Copies of the Documents entitled ''Science, Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets 1992'' and ''Single Science, Programme of Study and Attainment Targets'' may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.