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EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Standards for School Premises (Amendment) Regulations 1971

Made - - -	20*th September* 1971
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Coming into Operation	1*st October* 1971

The Secretary of State for Education and Science and the Secretary of State for Wales, in joint exercise of their powers under section 10 of the Education Act 1944(**a**), hereby make the following regulations :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Standards for School Premises (Amendment) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) References to regulations shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as references to the Standards for School Premises Regulations 1959(**c**).

Playing field accommodation for primary schools

2. At the beginning of regulation 4 (playing field accommodation for primary schools) there shall be inserted the words "(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below," and at the end there shall be added as new paragraphs—

"(2) The area of the playing field accommodation may be reduced to such extent as may be approved for any school in whose case—

(*a*) the teaching accommodation includes an area designed for the playing of indoor games ;

(*b*) facilities for physical training and recreation elsewhere are made available.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation accommodation with a hard porous surface large enough for the playing of team games shall be reckoned as twice its area."

Playing field accommodation for secondary schools

3.—(1) In the third proviso to regulation 16 (playing field accommodation for secondary schools) there shall be omitted everything after the word "area".

(**a**) 1944 c. 31. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1959/890 (1959 I, p. 1006).

(2) In the fourth proviso to that regulation as substituted by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 5 of schedule 1 to, the Standards for School Premises (Middle Schools and Minor Amendments) Regulations 1969(a), for the words "in each case where" there shall be substituted the words "for any school in whose case" and at the end there shall be added the words "(iii) facilities for physical training and recreation elsewhere are made available".

Given under the Official Seal of the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 17th September 1971.

(L.S.)

Margaret H. Thatcher,
Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Given under my hand on 20th September 1971.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations modify the requirements of the Standards for Schools Premises Regulations 1959 as amended which relate to playing fields in schools maintained by local education authorities. They enable the Secretary of State to permit a more extensive use of hard porous surfaces in place of grass and the use of facilities for physical education away from the school site.

(a) S.I. 1969/433 (1969 I, p. 1271).