STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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# EDUCATION

## Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets at Key Stages 1 and 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

*Made - - - - 29th July 1996*
*Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(2) and (3)*

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(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

### Citation and commencement

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets at Key Stages 1 and 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on 1st September 1996.

(3) The provisions of this Order relating to English, Mathematics, Science and Technology and Irish in Irish Speaking Schools shall come into operation on 1st January 1997 in respect of pupils in the third year of the second key stage.

### Application

**2.** The provisions of this Order shall apply in respect of pupils in the first and second key stages.

### Interpretation

**3.** In this Order—

"the Document" means the document published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office entitled "The Northern Ireland Curriculum Key Stages 1 and 2, Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets"(**2**);

"English A" means the programmes of study and attainment targets entitled "English" in the Document;

(**1**) S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20)
(**2**) ISBN 0 33 704290 X

"English B" means the programme of study entitled "English in Irish Speaking Schools (Key Stage 1)" in the Document; and

references to "level descriptions" are references to the levels set out in the Document in relation to the attainment targets.

**Specification of programmes of study and attainment targets**

**4.** It is hereby directed that the provisions relating to the programmes of study and attainment targets set out in the Document shall have effect as provided in Articles 5 and 6 for the purpose of specifying in relation to the compulsory contributory subjects—

(a) programmes of study; and

(b) attainment targets.

**5.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the programmes of study and attainment targets for English A described in the Document (to which the level descriptions referred to in Article 7 relate) are specified in relation to that subject at key stages 1 and 2 as set out in the Document.

(2) The programme of study for English B described in the Document is specified in relation to key stage 1 in respect of pupils who are following the programme of study and attainment targets for Irish in Irish Speaking Schools described in the Document.

**6.** The programmes of study and attainment targets for—

(a) Mathematics, Science and Technology, History, Geography, and Irish in Irish Speaking Schools (to which the level descriptions referred to in Article 7 relate); and

(b) Physical Education, Art and Design and Music;

are specified in relation to those subjects at key stages 1 and 2 as set out in the Document.

**7.** The level descriptions related to the attainment targets for English A, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History, Geography and Irish in Irish Speaking Schools are specified as follows in relation to key stages 1 and 2:—

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

(b) for the second key stage, levels 1 to 5.

**8.** The contents which are printed in italics in the Document or which are not printed on a tinted background serve to illustrate the programmes of study and attainment targets described and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

**Revocations**

**9.** The Orders set out in the Schedule are revoked to the extent and with effect from the dates specified therein.