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EDUCATION

Nursery Schools

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH MAY, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1963, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry", in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 84 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Nursery Schools Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August, 1965.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Nursery Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(b).

3. For Regulation 11 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

"**11.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) and paragraph (4), a nursery school shall be in operation during the school year for at least 200 school days.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 11A, the dates of school holidays shall be determined by the school authorities.

(3) A nursery school may at the discretion of the school authorities be closed for a number of optional holidays, not exceeding ten days in any school year, and such optional holidays may be counted as days when the school is in operation for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(4) In exceptional circumstances the Ministry may sanction a reduction in the number of days prescribed in paragraph (1).

(5) If in any school year a nursery school is not in operation for at least the number of days required by paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the Ministry may withhold, or make a deduction from, any grant payable in respect of the school under the Act.

11A.—(1) The dates of school holidays, other than optional holidays, shall in the case of voluntary nursery schools be subject to the approval of the local education authority for the area in which the school is situated.

(a) 1947. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 97; 1953, No. 12; 1953, No. 90; 1962, No. 228; 1963, No. 47; 1964, No. 124.