

Junior Cycle Physical Education Development Group Meeting 1 29 th January 2021	
Agenda: Consideration of brief for Junior Cycle Physical Education	Documentation: The background paper and brief for Junior Cycle Physical Education
The development group considered the brief for Junior Cycle Physical Education as outlined in the background paper.	
Discussion: The development group considered the specification with particular reference to essential learning and structure of the specification	Supporting material for discussion
Discussion: Developing a structure to ensure the desired experience of physical education is supported An emphasis for physical education to be rooted in practical learning and support the application of skills The importance of physically literate young people to support lifelong physical activity participation The specification aligning with other specifications at Junior cycle Next meeting: The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Thursday 25th of February 2021	

Junior Cycle Physical Education Development Group

Meeting 2

25th February 2021

Agenda:

The development group considered the specification with particular reference to the specification structure.

Documentation:

Supporting material informed from previous discussions

Discussion:

The group considered potential strands and elements within the specification.

The group discussed contextual strands and physical activities as the medium for learning.

A list of physical activity areas was discussed

The development group considered Learning Outcomes, the Aim and Rationale.

Supporting material

Discussion:

The development group considered appropriate content for the physical education specification.

The envisioned experience and underpinning philosophies of this specification was discussed.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Wednesday **24th March 2021**

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Meeting 3

24th March 2021

Agenda:

The development group considered the specification with particular reference to Classroom Based Assessments.

Documentation:

Supporting material

Discussion:

The group explored possible assessments to capture learning in the specification

The group discussed the classroom-based assessment timeframes with consideration to which timeframe would facilitate the learning in physical education

The development group considered the specification with particular reference to Learning Outcomes, the Aim and Rationale.

Supporting material prepared from previous discussions

Discussion:

The group suggested minor amendments to the proposed Aim and Rationale, this included ensuring the theme of physical literacy was threaded throughout

The group discussed the importance of ensuring the strength of the message of the Elements informing the experience of the Learning Outcomes
Ensuring the practical nature of PE was reiterated

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Thursday 29th April 2021

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Meeting 4

29th April 2021

Agenda:

The development group considered the draft Junior Cycle Physical Education specification for consultation

Documentation:

The draft Junior Cycle Physical Education specification

Discussion:

The development group looked at the draft specification and discussed particular areas to be amended or focused on during the consultation.

The importance of providing clarity of message and terms was discussed, with particular attention to the strands, elements and learning outcomes within the draft specification

The classroom-based assessment timeframe of 6 weeks was proposed to ensure teachers and students had adequate time to capture learning, however it was felt this could be a focus of the consultation.

The importance of providing guidance while still ensuring flexibility was discussed

Next steps

Public consultation proposed for September 2021 following presentation at Board for Junior Cycle and Council