

# National Curriculum Update for Schools in Norfolk *July 2013*

## What is happening now?

- A final draft of the National Curriculum was published on 8<sup>th</sup> July. A final opportunity for consultation closes on 8<sup>th</sup> August. [All details can be found here.](#)

## What is happening from September 2013?

- From September 2013 the majority of the existing National Curriculum programmes of study, attainment targets and assessment arrangements will be disapplied and no longer compulsory. This will apply to all subjects and year groups **except English, Mathematics and Science for pupils in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6.**
- Disapplication continues until the new programmes of study come into effect for each subject in every year group.
- With the exception of the core subjects in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6, during disapplication schools are free to develop their own methods of measuring pupil progress or continue to use level descriptors to assess pupils' progress if they believe this is the most effective means of assessing progress.
- Revised GCSEs in English Literature and History will be taught for the first time, reflecting changes required by the regulator, Ofqual.

The new National Curriculum will be available to schools in the Autumn term 2013 (the DfE has not specified a date), ready for teaching to begin in September 2014.

The curriculum from September 2014 will be significantly different and it has considerable implications for you and your school. It is not just what you **have** to teach (National Curriculum), but what you **need** and **want** to teach (basic and local) to meet the needs of your children and the local community.

## Some questions to consider:

- How much of your current curriculum can remain unchanged? How much can be adapted? What might you have to introduce?
- How prepared are all of your staff to 'Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum' (Teaching Standard 4) with an increased choice of local curriculum content?
- Have you considered potential transition issues for 2013 – 2014:
  - Reception pupils moving from Early Learning Goals to Year 1
  - Pupils in Year 5 who will move into Year 6 in 2014
  - Pupils in Year 8 in 2013/14 who will be the first students to take the new GCSEs in English language, English literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science Double Award, Geography and History?
- How will you plan to track the progress of all pupils, in light of '[Assessing without levels](#)'?
- What are the key CPD needs for your staff to secure successful implementation over the next academic year?



# Support available from NIEAS

- A **regular newsletter** containing the latest key information for Norfolk Schools.
- **Professional Networks** provide an in depth subject support for preparing for the new National Curriculum over 2013 – 2014. For further information, please email [cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk)
- **Curriculum Update Forums** – these provide an opportunity to attend a subject specific briefing about the new curriculum with key messages for curriculum and subject leaders. Dates to be published as soon as the new curriculum is available. Schools can purchase all six forums or pick and mix.
  - £80 per forum per school or partnership, or £240 for all six –  
16.30 – 18.30 Norwich PDC and Kings Lynn PDC
  - Primary – English, Maths, Science, Languages, Computing, Humanities
  - Secondary – English, Maths, Science, Languages, Computing, Humanities
  - To register an interest, please email [cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk)
- **Headteacher Curriculum Update Briefings** – these half-day briefings are to outline the key changes in the new curriculum and offer the opportunity to identify the main implications for your school. Dates to be published as soon as the new curriculum is available.
  - £80 per person for a half-day briefing
  - To register an interest, please email [cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cs.nieastraining@norfolk.gov.uk)
- **Designing Your Primary Curriculum** – a one day course for school leaders on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013**
- This course will focus on key curriculum questions:
  - What are you trying to achieve for your learners through your curriculum?
  - How can you best organise learning to enable you to achieve your aims for your learners?
  - How will you know when you have achieved your aims?

[For further details click here](#)
- **Subject specific courses and conferences** – To view the full list of currently available courses and conferences, including objectives and fees, or to book places, please visit our CPD website [www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms](http://www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms)

