

Appendix 2F: Safe Practice in Physical Education Poster

School staff delivering physical education need to:

- understand their obligations relating to their duty of care
- be suitably experienced and competent to teach the physical activity being offered
- use regular and approved practice
- be aware of any child/pupil at risk
- ensure acceptable pupil behaviour at all times
- clarify the role of and monitor the work of other support staff.

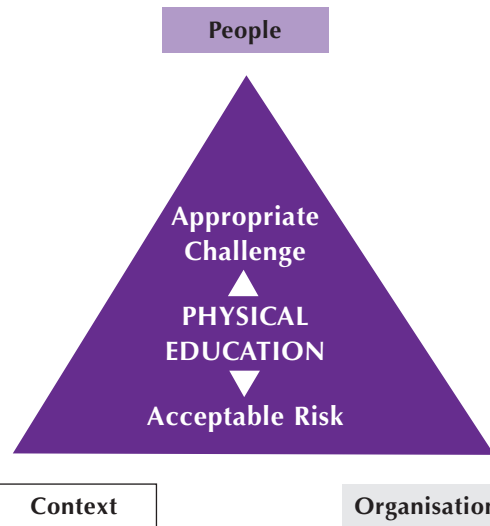
Physical-education facilities should provide:

- hazard-free playing surfaces
- sufficient space allocated to the activities and be subject to:
- a regular and systematic maintenance programme
- appropriate usage.

Procedures should involve:

- safety rules and regulations clearly understood by both pupils and staff
- attendance and assessment records consistently maintained
- all accidents and 'near misses' comprehensively logged and reported to the appropriate body where required
- communication with parents about school policies and practice.

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Pupils engaged in physical education should be:

- given opportunities to think about safe practice in relation to themselves and peers
- guided to develop their knowledge and understanding relating to responsible participation and progress
- sufficiently skilled and confident in the tasks set
- appropriately supervised when undertaking a leadership role.

Preparation requires:

- comprehensive schemes of work in place, differentiated to meet the needs of all pupils
- a safety policy and guidelines
- up-to-date risk assessment.

Teaching style and class organisation should ensure that:

- pupil capability is matched to task
- the methodology is appropriate to safety demands inherent within the activity
- pupils are always appropriately prepared and confident through progressive practices.

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