





## Update: Reporting on Physical Education on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (2021)

Detail of how Physical Education may be reported as part of the Wellbeing area of learning on a student's eventual Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) was provided within the <u>Circular Letter 76/2020</u> which outlines the 'Arrangements for the Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to school year 2020/21 whereby:

Reporting on students' learning in Wellbeing aims to provide a picture of what students have learned about wellbeing and the skills they have developed to support their wellbeing. It is expected that schools will report on student learning about wellbeing as part of ongoing assessment and reporting throughout Junior Cycle.

Wellbeing will now be reported on through the JCPA for the first time in 2021. Wellbeing will show in a separate area of the JCPA. It is in this area that schools will report on student achievement in CSPE, SPHE and PE. This will be facilitated by the use of the descriptors which have already been developed and reflect the appropriate language of learning.\*

- Exceptional,
- Above Expectations,
- In Line with Expectations, or
- Yet to Meet Expectations

The Wellbeing area of the JCPA will also include a free text space where schools can report on achievement in Wellbeing in other areas as set out in section 2.7. Further information on this may be found in the JCPA Handbook.

\*Footnote: Where students are not following the short course, the descriptor awarded by the teacher should reflect the student's learning and achievement during the course of study.



## Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) to support effective reporting.

The holding of the SLAR meeting is an important part of the assessment process. These meetings enable teachers to collaboratively reach consistency in their judgments of student work against common, externally set Features of Quality. Further detail of the SLAR process. Professional Time, which is time allocated to teachers each week to engage in a range of professional collaborative activities, will facilitate teachers attendance at Subject Learning and Assessment Review meetings. The NCCA developed <u>Guide to the Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) process</u> and associated resources are available <u>here...</u>







## Update: Reporting on the JCPA in the context of the range of curricular options

<u>Circular Letter 76/2020</u>, which outlines the 'Arrangements for the Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to school year 2020/21, states that:

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The NCCA-developed short course specification for Physical Education is available <a href="here...">here...</a>

The associated **Assessment Guidelines for Physical Education** are available <a href="here...">here...</a>

The NCCA developed **Guide to the Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) process** and associated resources are available here...



Support your students in undertaking Classroom-Based Assessment\* and gathering evidence of learning, using the assessment advice outlined in the Assessment Guidelines



Make a judgement of student achievement, using the Features of Quality which are outlined in the Assessment Guidelines



Undertake the SLAR process to support your judgement following NCCA guidance



Report on student achievement at the time, and on the JCPA

\*Assessments may be modified to meet the needs of learners following a Level 1 or Level 2 Learning Programme

The Junior Cycle Physical Education Syllabus is available here...

The DES-issued **Circular 76/2020** which outlines the *'Arrangements for the Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to school year 2020/21'* is available <a href="https://example.com/here.com/h



Design an assessment\* based on your curriculum document (above) that is broadly aligned with Level 3 of the National Framework of Qualifications, as well as associated success criteria



Support your students in undertaking this assessment and gathering evidence of their learning

Make a judgement of student achievement, using the success criteria

Engage in a professional conversation, similar to that of a SLAR meeting, to support your judgement



Report on student achievement at the time, and on the JCPA

\*In the context of supporting the needs of learners following a Level 1 or Level 2 Learning Programmes, assessments designed should be broadly aligned with Level 1 or Level of the NFQ