

Government Circular No. 2020/0012

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Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Educational Institutions) Regulations 2020

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIRECTIONS 2020

Laid before Tynwald:

Coming into Operation: in accordance with direction 1

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture makes the following Directions under regulation 5 of the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Educational Institutions) Regulations 2020¹.

PART 1

INTRODUCTORY

1 Title

- (1) These Directions are the Educational Institutions Directions 2020.
- (2) These Directions come into operation as soon as they are made².

2 Interpretation

In these Directions —

“**Department**” means the Department of Education, Sport and Culture;

“**the Nominated Officer**” means the head teacher or other nominated officer of the leadership team of the educational institution or an officer of the Department;

“**Regulations**” means the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Educational Institutions) Regulations 2020;

“**permitted pupils**” means —

- (a) vulnerable children as more particularly set out in any guidance issued by the Department pursuant to regulation 7 of the Regulations;

¹ SD 2020/0197 as amended by SD 2020/0249.

² Regulation 7(1A) of the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Educational Institutions) Regulations 2020 requires these Directions to be laid before Tynwald.

- (b) pupils of primary school age or secondary school age with a parent or guardian who is a Keyworker as more particularly set out in any guidance issued by the Department;

“permitted staff” means a head teacher, teachers, educational support officers, or other non-qualified staff as the Nominated Officer may require to properly supervise and provide for the welfare and wellbeing of those permitted pupils and other pupils as indicated in guidance issued by the Department;

“responsible person” means —

- (a) a Headteacher of a provided or maintained school on the Isle of Man; or
- (b) the Principal of University College Isle of Man;

“specified pupils” means children registered at a school in a given year group.

PART 2

OPENING OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

3 Opening of Educational Institutions

- (1) All educational institutions will open from 15 June 2020 for permitted staff as detailed in guidance issued and published by the Department.
- (2) All educational institutions will open on 17 June 2020 for permitted pupils.
- (3) Hub schools will close to permitted pupils other than those who are registered pupils at the school from 17 June 2020.
- (4) The Department may close any of the schools or reduce capacity or operating hours where circumstances require it in order to protect public health.

SPECIFIED PUPILS TO ATTEND

4 Specified pupils to attend

- (1) Specified pupils may return to school as indicated in guidance issued by the Department.
- (2) Specified pupils may not return to their registered school other than at a date indicated in guidance issued by the Department except for those who are permitted pupils.

5 Guidelines for specified pupils

- (1) Specified pupils shall take all reasonable steps to observe and abide by any Public Health or other guidance published by the Cabinet Office, or the Department of Health and Social Care in relation to social distancing or self-isolation ("public health guidance") whilst attending at their registered school.
- (2) The head teacher, or in the absence or incapacity of the head teacher another Nominated Officer, or the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Education Sport and Culture or his delegate shall issue directions to all attendees at the school in order to observe and abide by any Isle of Man Public Health Directorate guidance.

PART 3**GUIDANCE****6 Guidance**

- (1) In accordance with Regulation 7 of the Regulations, the Department shall publish Guidance on <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/education-sport-and-culture/> to which all nominated officers, permitted pupils, permitted staff and specified pupils must have regard in accordance with the Regulations.
- (2) Educational institutions should follow guidance issued by the Department in regard to the curriculum.

7 Duration

This temporary direction has effect until the earlier of either —

- (a) the end of the extant Proclamation of Emergency; or
- (b) further direction by the Department provided under Regulation 7.

8 Revocation

The direction entitled EMERGENCY POWERS (CORONAVIRUS) (EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS) REGULATIONS 2020 Direction by the Department of Education Sport and Culture³ is revoked.

These Directions are made by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture

³ GC 2020/0009

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