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Education Bureau Circular No. 13/2023

Safety Guidelines on Physical Education Key Learning Area for Hong Kong Schools

[Note: This circular should be read by

- (a) Supervisors, heads and teachers of all primary and secondary schools (including special schools) offering local school curriculum – for action;
- (b) Supervisors and heads of schools not included in (a) – for information; and
- (c) Heads of Sections – for information.]

Summary



This circular aims to inform schools of the updated Safety Guidelines on Physical Education (PE) Key Learning Area for Hong Kong Schools (the Guidelines) to be released through the webpage of the Education Bureau (EDB). Heads of schools are requested to note the content of this circular and remind all PE teachers and teaching staff responsible for and involved in organising school Sports Days, Swimming Galas, Games Days, co-curricular physical activities, etc. to pay attention to and study the Guidelines. This circular supersedes EDB Circular No. 4/2011 issued on 29 August 2011.

Background

2. With a view to enhancing safety measures and precautions of schools when conducting PE lessons and related physical activities, a set of guiding principles and Guidelines have been formulated since 1999 with updates made in 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018 and 2023 respectively.

Details

3. Schools are reminded to adopt appropriate safety measures for students to participate in PE lessons and related physical activities in a safe learning environment, and ensure that these measures are properly implemented and any emergencies are handled in an effective and efficient manner. Teaching staff should exercise their professional knowledge, refer to the guiding principles and the Guidelines in making sensible judgments, and take appropriate measures to ensure students safety.
4. Schools are advised to encourage their teaching staff to attend safety-related professional development programmes regularly to keep abreast of the latest information. The EDB will continue to update the Guidelines when necessary and develop various safety-related learning and teaching (L&T) resources on PE, including safety precautions for conducting online PE lessons, conducting PE lessons and related physical activities under special weather, etc. Schools should make effective use of these resources for providing a safe environment to facilitate student learning.
5. For details of the Guidelines and L&T resources, please visit the EDB webpage, [Physical Education - Safety Guidelines](#) and [Physical Education - References & Resources](#).

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|  <p>Safety Guidelines on PE KLA for Hong Kong Schools (https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/pe/references_resource/safety-guidelines/Safe_e.pdf)</p> |  <p>PE – Reference & Resources (https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pe/references_resource/index.html)</p> |
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Enquiries

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