Renfrewshire Council Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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Scheme For The Appointment of Temporary Teachers To Permanent Posts

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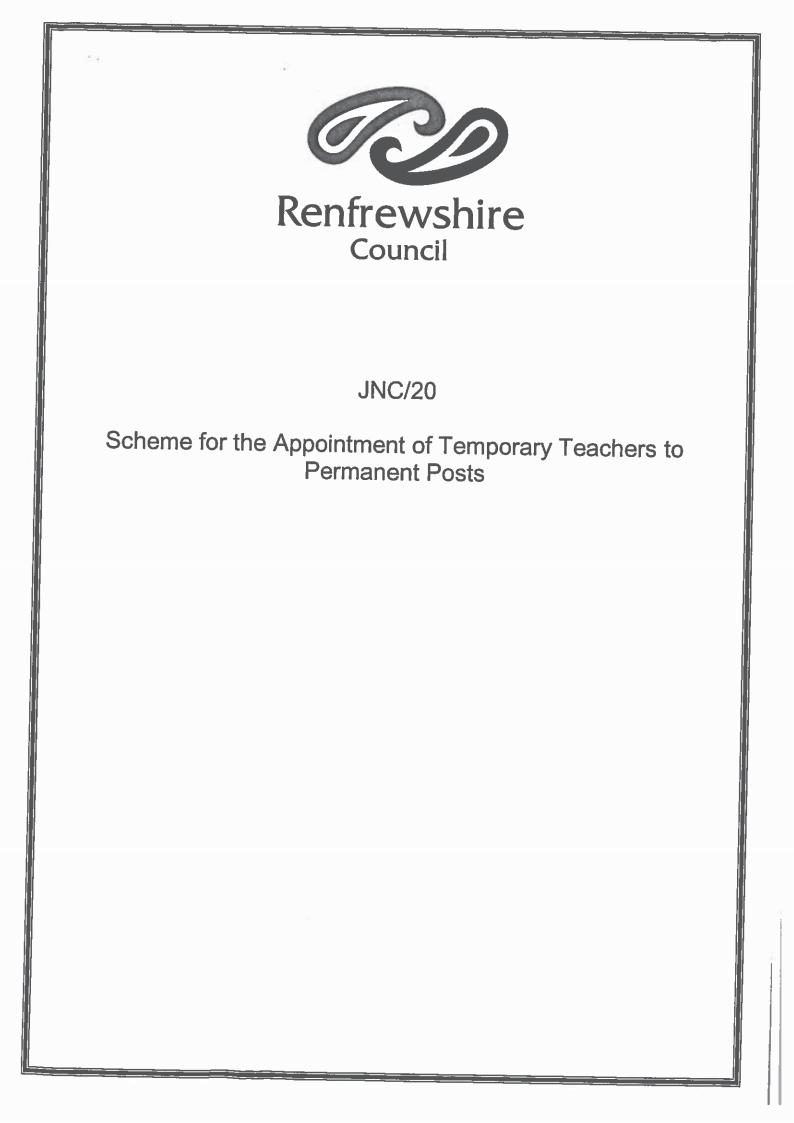
Report by Joint Secretaries

1. Summary.

- 1.1 The attached revised Scheme was agreed following the AGM in June and is now in operation.
- 1.2 It should be noted that included in the agreement is commitment to review the working of the scheme on annual basis.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members of the JNC are asked to
 - Note the content of this report.



Background-

- 1. Clause 8.5 of the Scheme of Salaries and Conditions of Service for Teaching Staff on school education allowed teachers working on temporary contracts with SRC to apply for transfer to the permanent staff of that authority after one year's continuous service.
- 2. In March 2004, SNCT/31 provided the guidelines by which LNCTs should reach local agreement on provisions to supersede Clause 8.5.
- 3. An agreement was already in place within Renfrewshire Council which reflected the previous SRC condition and confirmed its continuation with Renfrewshire Council. In light of this, the JNC took no action following the issue of SNCT/31.
- 4. Over the years the transfer to permanency of temporary teachers has created additional pressures in relation to the staffing of schools.
- 5. This paper seeks to agree a way forward which will balance the interests of temporary teachers, whilst safeguarding the future staffing needs of Renfrewshire Council.
- 6. Under the Fixed Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002, all temporary contracts or series of continuous temporary contracts that extend beyond 4 years, will be made permanent unless the employer can objectively justify why this should not happen.

Proposal

- Where a teacher has met the qualifying criteria they may apply for a permanent contract with the Council and will receive confirmation of their entitlement to permanency in writing when the qualifying criteria below are met;
 - The required period of service or qualifying period is completed.
 - There is evidence of satisfactory teaching throughout the period of service.
 - There is a permanent post, for which the teacher can be appointed.

Where there is no permanent vacancy available, applications will be held on file and the first suitable vacancy to arise will be offered. In the interim, every effort will be made to ensure approved applicants are considered for long-term temporary posts. Where no long-term temporary post is available, applicants may continue to work supply and will be paid for the hours that they work. Should a vacancy exist in the permanent supply pool, approved applicants may express an interest in that post. The required period of service is when a teacher has accrued 78 weeks reckonable service, over no more than 3 consecutive schools sessions, irrespective of when deployment begins.

Evidence of satisfactory teaching service will be required. Said evidence will be way of head teachers' reports.

An application will not normally be refused if the above conditions above are met.

- 2. All teachers who meet the qualifying criteria and whose applications have been approved will be invited to attend an interview to determine the appropriate placement from the permanent positions available. Vacancies will be ring-fenced to those teachers whose applications have been approved.
- 3. Should no suitable permanent vacancy be available at the time of the Staffing Exercise, or an insufficient number of vacancies are available in respect of applications, every effort will be made to consider those teachers for long-term temporary posts, pending a suitable vacancy becoming available. (Note: Approved applicants will not lose their right to permanency pending appointment to a vacant post)
- 4. Business Support will maintain a list of all temporary teachers working for the council, together with details of service. It is the responsibility of the temporary teacher to make an application to be made permanent.
- 5. For the avoidance of doubt, probationer service will not qualify as service for the purposes of this agreement.
- 6. All permanent posts are open to teachers who have achieved the GTC Standard for Full Registration.
- 7. Teachers on temporary contracts will be provided with the same access to information on vacancies for permanent posts as is provided to existing permanent post holders. It is the responsibility of any temporary teacher or supply teacher wishing to secure a permanent post, to make an application for permanency.
- 8. An application for permanency must be submitted to the appropriate Education Manager using the Pro-Forma, Scheme for the Appointment of Temporary Teachers to Permanent Posts.
- 9. Appointment to the permanent staff of Renfrewshire Council, other than by way of the allocation priorities set out in Appendix 1, will continue to be by way of application and interview.

Scheme for the Appointment of Temporary Teachers to Permanency

Principles of Operation

A temporary teacher can make an application for permanency based on the following criteria:-

Where a teacher has accrued 78 weeks reckonable service, over no more than 3 consecutive schools sessions, they may make an application for a permanent contract within the Authority.

The employment may have been full-time or part-time and may have been on a fixed term contract or supply work, or any combination of the two. Where a permanent part-time teacher has undertaken additional hours then they will be entitled to apply for a permanent contract in respect of those additional hours where they meet the requirements set out of this agreement.

Where teachers have been employed on a succession of short-term, fixed term contracts, even where there have been breaks of service, they will be entitled to make an application for a permanent contract if they accrue a total of 78 weeks service over no more than 3 consecutive school sessions.

Qualifying service comprises any week in which a teacher is employed as a teacher by the Council.

An application must be submitted using the attached pro-forma (Application – Scheme for the Appointment of Temporary Teachers to Permanency – Appendix 1a) to the appropriate Education Manager. Submission must be no later than 30th April for consideration for permanency at the start of the following school session. Application forms received after the 30th April will not be considered until the following annual staffing review.

Appointment to the permanent teaching staff of Renfrewshire Council will be by way of application and submission of satisfactory head teacher's report. Detail of permanent vacancies will be provided to applicants.

All teachers who meet the qualifying criteria and whose applications have been approved will be invited to attend an interview to determine the appropriate placement from the permanent positions available. Vacancies will be ring-fenced to those teachers whose applications have been approved.

Where there is no permanent vacancy available, approved applicants will be considered for the first suitable vacancy to arise. Every effort will be made to ensure approved applicants are considered for long term temporary posts. Where no long-term temporary posts are available, approved applicants may continue to work supply and will be paid for the hours that they work.

The permanent appointment will match the hours undertaken by the teacher during the qualifying period of service. Where the hours have varied, an average will be taken over the qualifying period. Council will request a head teacher's report as evidence of satisfactory service to cover the full qualifying period (Appendix 1b)

(Where teachers have worked in various establishments, during the qualifying period, reports submitted at the end of each long temporary contract (i.e. any period of 4 weeks or more) will be used to support their application)

Where an unsatisfactory report has been received for a deployment; an Education Manager will assess appropriate action and it may be that the period of unsatisfactory employment is excluded from the qualifying service period.

It is recognised that any vacancies are allocated on an agreed priority as follows:

- 1. Allocation of probationers all local authorities are required to take an agreed allocation of probationers each year, therefore posts require to be identified for them in the first instance.
- 2. Teachers who have been transferred compulsorily within 2 years should be given the opportunity to return to their original schools should a vacancy arise.
- 3. Teachers who become surplus to establishment of a particular school as a result of a school closure or amalgamation.
- 4. Teachers who are either volunteers or who are to be transferred compulsorily because they are surplus to the establishment of a particular school as part of the annual staffing review.
- 5. Teachers entitled to a permanent contract under this agreement.

This policy will be monitored and reviewed annually by the Joint Secretaries.

Signed on behalf of Management Side

Signed on behalf of the Teachers' Side

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Appendix 1(a)



Application - Scheme for the Appointment of Temporary Teachers to Permanency

Personal Details

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Teacher's Name:						
Sector	Secondary 🛛	Primary 🛛	Special Educa	ation		
Subject (if Secondary qualified):						
Start Date of Post:	<u> </u>					
Pointage (FTE) held:		·				
Is current disciplinary ac	tion record on file	for this teacher	?		Yes	No
Have timekeeping or atte	endance given an	y recent cause	for concern?		Yes	No

Approval to teach in a Denominational school (Please ensure this section is completed where applicable)

The relevant legislation on the management of denominational schools in Scotland states that:

"A teacher appointed to any post on the staff of any such school by the education authority... shall be required to be approved as regards religious belief and character by representatives of the church or denominational body in whose interest the school has been conducted".

For those teaching posts which impact on the teaching of Religious Education, teachers will, in <u>addition</u>, be expected to have obtained an appropriate teaching qualification in Catholic Religious Education.

Do you hold church approval to teach in a denominational school?		Yes	No
Do you have an appropriate teaching qualification in Catholic Religious	Educ	ation?	
		Yes	No

Assessment of professional performance

Measured against the Standards for Registration: mandatory requirements for registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland, please tick the appropriate boxes below to indicate the overall level of professional performance in the following areas:-

Professional Knowledge and the test	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Professional Knowledge and Understanding Professional Skills and Abilities			
Professional Values and Person Commitment			

If the performance of the teacher has been unsatisfactory in any of the above areas please indicate below which of the following steps you ha taken:-	Yes	No
Made teacher aware of specific concerns on their performance		
Offered appropriate support		
Agreed appropriate professional development opportunities		
Set appropriate targets for improvement		

Professional Review & Development	Vee	A.L.
Has the teacher opposed in the profession	Yes	NO
Has the teacher engaged in the professional review and development		
process?		
If yes, date of last review.		

Overall assessment of suitability for transfer to permanent status

ŀ		Yes	No
ĺ	I consider this teacher to be suitable for employment as a permanent		
Ĺ	teacher with Renfrewshire Council – if ticking No, please give reasons below		
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Reasons why teacher should **not** be offered a permanent appointment anywhere in Renfrewshire Council (additional comments can be provided on a separate sheet):-

I confirm that this is an accurate report which has been discussed with the teacher concerned.

Name of Head Teacher (Print)	Signature of Head Teacher	
Name of Teacher (Print)	Signature of Teacher	
School	Date	

Appendix 1(b)



Report on Temporary Teacher (Required for temps in post over 4 weeks)

Personal Details							
Teacher's Name:							_
Sector	Secondary 🛛	Primary 🛛	Special Educa	ation			
Subject (if Secondary qualified):							
Start Date of Post:							
Pointage (FTE) held:							
Is current disciplinary ac	tion record on file	for this teache	r ?		Yes		No
Have timekeeping or att	endance given an	ly recent cause	for concern?		Yes		No
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Professional Skills and Abilities			
Professional Values and Person Commitment			·

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	Yes	No	
Made teacher aware of specific concerns on their performance			
Offered appropriate support			
Agreed appropriate professional development opportunities			_
Set appropriate targets for improvement			

Professional Review & Development

	Yes	No
Has the teacher engaged in the professional review and development		
process?		
If yes, date of last review.		
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I confirm that this is an accurate report which has been discussed with the teacher concerned.

Name of Head Teacher (Print)	Signature of Head Teacher	
Name of Teacher (Print)	Signature of Teacher	
School	Date	

General Teaching Scotland for Scotland (GTC)

The Standards for Registration: mandatory requirements For Registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland

DRIVING FORWARD PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS



The Standards for Registration: mandatory requirements for Registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland

December 2012

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The Standards for Registration



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enhance throughout their careers;

teachers for full registration with GTC Scotland;

a baseline standard of professional competence which applies to teachers throughout their careers.

a clear and concise description of the professional qualities and capabilities fully registered teachers are expected to maintain and

a professional standard against which reliable and consistent recommendations and decisions can be made on the fitness of new

a clear and concise description of the professional qualities and capabilities probationer teachers are expected to attain;

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¢ $\dot{\phi}$ Provisional Registration. The purposes of The Standard for Full Registration are:

The requirements of The Standard for Full Registration are in addition to, and follow the successful achievement of, The Standard for

1 Professional Values and Personal Commitment

The Professional Values and Personal Commitment should be read in conjunction with the GTC Scotland Student Teacher Code and Code of Professionalism and Conduct (COPAC).

live as professionals. Starting with us as individuals, values extend to all those for whom we are responsible and to the world in which we values and dispositions of all those who work to educate them. Values are complex and are the ideals by which we shape our practice Professional values are at the core of the Professional Standards. The educational experiences of all our learners are shaped by the

and obligations as teachers registered with GTC Scotland. to, and demonstrated through, all our professional relationships and practices and all that we do to meet our professional commitments They drive an unswerving personal commitment to all learners' intellectual, social and ethical growth and well-being. They are integral

and relevance of the profession. careers as society and the needs of learners change and as understanding develops. This is central to the adaptability, responsiveness beliefs. Values, and the connections between values and practices, need to be regularly re-appraised over the course of teachers' Professionalism also implies the need to ask critical questions of educational policies and practices and to examine our attitudes and

The Professional Values and Personal Commitment core to being a teacher are:

- Social justice
- Embracing locally and globally the educational and social values of sustainability, equality and justice and recognising the rights and responsibilities of future as well as current generations.
- practices in relation to: age, disability, gender and gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion and belief and sexual orientation. Committing to the principles of democracy and social justice through fair, transparent, inclusive and sustainable policies and
- global citizenship for all learners Valuing as well as respecting social, cultural and ecological diversity and promoting the principles and practices of local and
- to encourage learning our way to a better future. Demonstrating a commitment to engaging learners in real world issues to enhance learning experiences and outcomes, and

2 Professional Knowledge and Understanding

2.1 Curriculum

	e Standard for Prov	The Standard for Provisional Registration	ЧТ Н	The Standard for Full Registration
2.1.1	1	Have knowledge and understanding of the nature of the curriculum and its development	m	ind its development
Pr	Professional Actions		Pr	Professional Actions
Stu	Student teachers:		R	Registered teachers:
*	develop an understandir the contexts for learning;	develop an understanding of the principles of curriculum design and the contexts for learning;	*	have secure and detailed understanding of the principles of curriculum design and can apply them in any setting where learning takes place;
\$	know about and understar development in the curriculum;	d understand the processes of change and curriculum;	***	have secure working knowledge and detailed understanding of the processes of change and development in the curriculum;
*	develop an awareness stages and sectors.	ness of connections with other curricular areas,	*	know how to identify and highlight connections with other curricular areas, stages or sectors, promoting learning beyond subject boundaries.
2.1.2		Have knowledge and understanding of the relevant area(s) of pre-school, primary or secondary curriculum	9-sc	ool, primary or secondary curriculum
Pro	Professional Actions		Pro	Professional Actions
Stu	Student teachers:		Re	Registered teachers:
*	acquire knowledge curricular areas, re	acquire knowledge and understanding of theory and practical skills in curricular areas, referring to local and national guidance;	*	have detailed knowledge and understanding of the theory and practical skills required in curricular areas, referring to local and national guidance;
*	understand how to all learners;	understand how to match the level of curricular areas to the needs of all learners;	*	know how to match and apply the level of the curricular areas to the needs of all learners:

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	know and understand how to use the principles of assessment, record assessments appropriately, use assessment information to review progress, inform teaching and learning, identify next steps and produce clear, informed and sensitive reports.	know and understand that the principles of assessment, recording and reporting are integral to the process of teaching and learning;	Student teachers:	Professional Actions	Have knowledge and understanding of the principles of assessment, recording and reporting	have knowledge and understanding of current educational priorities such as learning for sustainability.	know and understand the methods and underlying theories for effective teaching of literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing; and select the most appropriate methods to meet all learners' needs;	know and understand the content of the curriculum in relation to literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing as set out in national guidance;	have knowledge and understanding of current guidance on the use of digital technologies in schools and know how to use digital technologies to enhance teaching and learning;	know how to apply knowledge and understanding of areas of the curriculum which contribute to personal and social development and health and wellbeing;
 have knowledge and understanding of the GIRFEC National Practice Model and how to apply this to support teaching and learning; 	have extensive knowledge and a secure understanding of the principles of assessment, methods of recording assessment information, the use of assessment in reviewing progress, in improving teaching and learning, identifying next steps and the need to produce clear, informed and sensitive reports;	know and understand how to apply the principles of assessment, recording and reporting as an integral part of the teaching process;	Registered teachers:	Professional Actions	ant, recording and reporting	 have secure knowledge of current educational priorities such as learning for sustainability. 	have secure knowledge and understanding of the methods and underlying theories for effective teaching of literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing; and effectively select the most appropriate methods to meet all learners' needs;	have appropriate and increasing knowledge and understanding of the content of the curriculum in relation to literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing as set out in national guidance;	have secure knowledge and understanding of current guidance on the use of digital technologies in schools and know how to use digital technologies competently to enhance teaching and learning;	have knowledge and understanding of areas of the curriculum which contribute to personal and social development and health and wellbeing;

responsibilities within them	rning communities in which they teach and their own professional
Professional Actions	Professional Actions
Student teachers:	Registered teachers:
develop an understanding of the sector and schools in which they are working, including: the role of education authorities, the organisation and management of schools and resources, improvement planning, professional review and development and how these connect to teachers' professional practice;	have secure working knowledge and detailed understanding of the sector and schools in which they are working, including: the role of education authorities, the organisation and management of schools and resources, improvement planning, professional review and development and how these connect to teachers' professional practice;
have a working knowledge of the teacher's contractual, pastoral and legal responsibilities;	have secure working knowledge and detailed understanding of their contractual, pastoral and legal responsibilities as teachers:
have an awareness of and respect for a school's distinctive ethos;	 understand the importance of making a commitment to the distinctive ethos in all areas of the learning community;
* have an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of all staff within the learning community.	have secure knowledge and detailed understanding of their own role and responsibilities as teachers in relation to all staff within the learning community, other partner agencies and parents' organisations.

3 Professional Skills and Abilities

3.1 Teaching and Learning

The Standard fo	The Standard for Provisional Registration		The Standard for Full Dedictration
3.1.1 Plan col	Plan coherent, progressive and stimulating teaching programmes which match learners' needs and abilities	les w	hich match learners' needs and abilities
Professional Actions	tions	Pro	Professional Actions
Student teachers:	<u></u>	Reg	Registered teachers:
 plan approprint needs of all and wellbeing 	plan appropriately for effective teaching and in order to meet the needs of all learners, including learning in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and skills for learning, life and work.	*	plan appropriately, in different contexts and over differing timescales, for effective teaching and learning in order to meet the needs of all learners, including learning in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and skills for learning, life and work.
3.1.2 Commu	Communicate effectively and interact productively with learners, individually and collectively	s, ind	ividually and collectively
Professional Actions	tions	Pro	Professional Actions
Student teachers:		Reg	Registered teachers:
 model appropriate 1 professional practice; 	model appropriate levels of literacy and numeracy in their own professional practice;	*	model appropriate levels of literacy and numeracy in their own professional practice;
 use communication m and develop positive interest of all learners. 	use communication methods, including a variety of media, to promote and develop positive relationships and to motivate and sustain the interest of all learners;	*	use a range of communication methods, including a variety of media, to promote and develop positive relationships to motivate and sustain the interest and participation of all learners;
 communicate appropriate and confidence in literacy 	communicate appropriately with all learners, and promote competence and confidence in literacy;	*	communicate appropriately with all learners, and promote competence and confidence in literacy;
* demonstrate	demonstrate effective questioning strategies;	*	demonstrate effective questioning strategies varied to meet the needs of all learners, in order to enhance teaching and learning;

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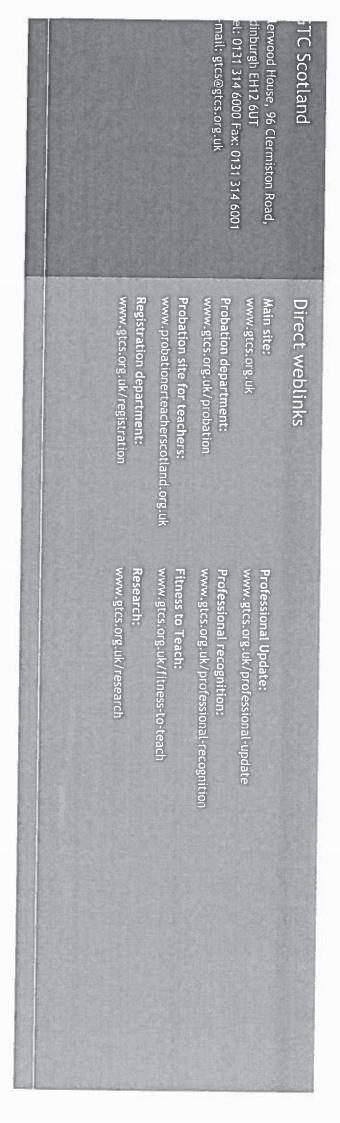
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demonstrate an ability to work co-operatively in the classroom and the wider learning community with staff, parents and partner agencies to promote learning and wellbeing.	 ensure learners contribute to planning and enhancement of their own learning programmes; 	Student teachers:	Professional Actions	3.1.5 Work effectively in partnership in order to promote learning and wellbeing		demonstrate an awareness of barriers to learning, recognising when to seek further advice in relation to all learners' needs.	develop tasks and set pace of work to meet the needs of learners, providing effective support and challenge, seeking advice appropriately;	Student teachers:	Professional Actions	3.1.4 Have high expectations of all learners	
create and sustain appropriate working relationships with all staff, parents and partner agencies to support learning and wellbeing, taking a lead role when appropriate.	${\rm $\stackrel{\diamond$}{}$}$ establish a culture where learners meaningfully participate in decisions related to their learning and their school;	Registered teachers:	Professional Actions	d wellbeing	show commitment to raising learners' expectations of themselves and others and their level of care for themselves, for others and for the natural world.	 identify effectively barriers to learning and respond appropriately, seeking advice in relation to all learners' needs as required; 	ensure learning tasks are varied, differentiated and devised to build confidence and promote progress of all learners, providing effective support and challenge;	Registered teachers:	Professional Actions		

enable all learners to engage in self evaluation and peer assessment to benefit learning;	enable all learners to engage in self-evaluation and peer assessment to benefit learning;	*
systematically develop and use an extensive range of strategies, approaches and associated materials for formative and summative assessment purposes, appropriate to the needs of all learners and the requirements of the curriculum and awarding and accrediting bodies;	use a range of approaches for formative and summative assessment purposes, appropriate to the needs of all learners and the requirements of the curriculum and awarding and accrediting bodies;	*
Registered teachers:	Student teachers:	Stud
Professional Actions	Professional Actions	Prof
teaching process to support	Use assessment, recording and reporting as an integral part of the teaching process to support and enhance learning	3.3.1
The Standard for Full Registration	The Standard for Provisional Registration	The
- - - -	Pupil Assessment	Pupil
recognise when a learner's behaviour may signify distress requiring the need for further support, and take appropriate action.		
evaluate and justify their approaches to managing behaviour and, when necessary, be open to new approaches to adapt them;	demonstrate the ability to justify the approach taken in managing behaviour.	*
seek and use advice from colleagues and appropriate, in managing behaviour;	know how and when to seek the advice of colleagues in managing behaviour;	*
implement consistently the school's positive behaviour policy including strategies for understanding and preventing bullying, and manage pupil behaviour in and around the school, in a fair, sensitive and informed manner;	apply the school's positive behaviour policy, including strategies for understanding and preventing bullying;	*
show in-depth awareness of educational research and local and national advice, and use in a consistent way, a variety of strategies to build relationships with learners, promote positive behaviour and celebrate success;	show awareness of educational research and local and national advice, and demonstrate the ability to use a variety of strategies to build relationships with learners, promote positive behaviour and celebrate success;	*

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3.4.2 Engage in reflective practice to develop and advance server low	
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Professional Actions	Professional Actions
Student teachers:	Registered teachers:
 reflect and engage in self evaluation using the relevant professional standard; 	 reflect and engage in self evaluation using the relevant professional standard;
 adopt an enquiring approach to their professional practice and engage in professional enquiry and professional dialogue; 	 demonstrate an enquiring and critical approach to their professional practice and development and engage in systematic professional dialogue;
 evaluate their classroom practice, taking account of feedback from others, in order to enhance teaching and learning; 	 evaluate, and adapt their classroom practice rigorously and systematically, taking account of feedback from others, to enhance teaching and learning;
 engage where possible in the processes of curriculum development, improvement planning and professional review and development; 	 demonstrate constructive participation and engagement with curriculum development, improvement planning and professional review and development;
 work collaboratively to share their professional learning and development with colleagues; 	work collaboratively to contribute to the professional learning and development of colleagues, including students, through offering support and constructive advice and through disseminating experience and expertise, seeking opportunities to lead learning;
maintain a record of their own professional learning and development, culminating in an Initial Professional Development Action Plan.	maintain an effective record and portfolio of their own professional learning and development and a professional development action plan, including analysis of impact on learners and on own professional practices.



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