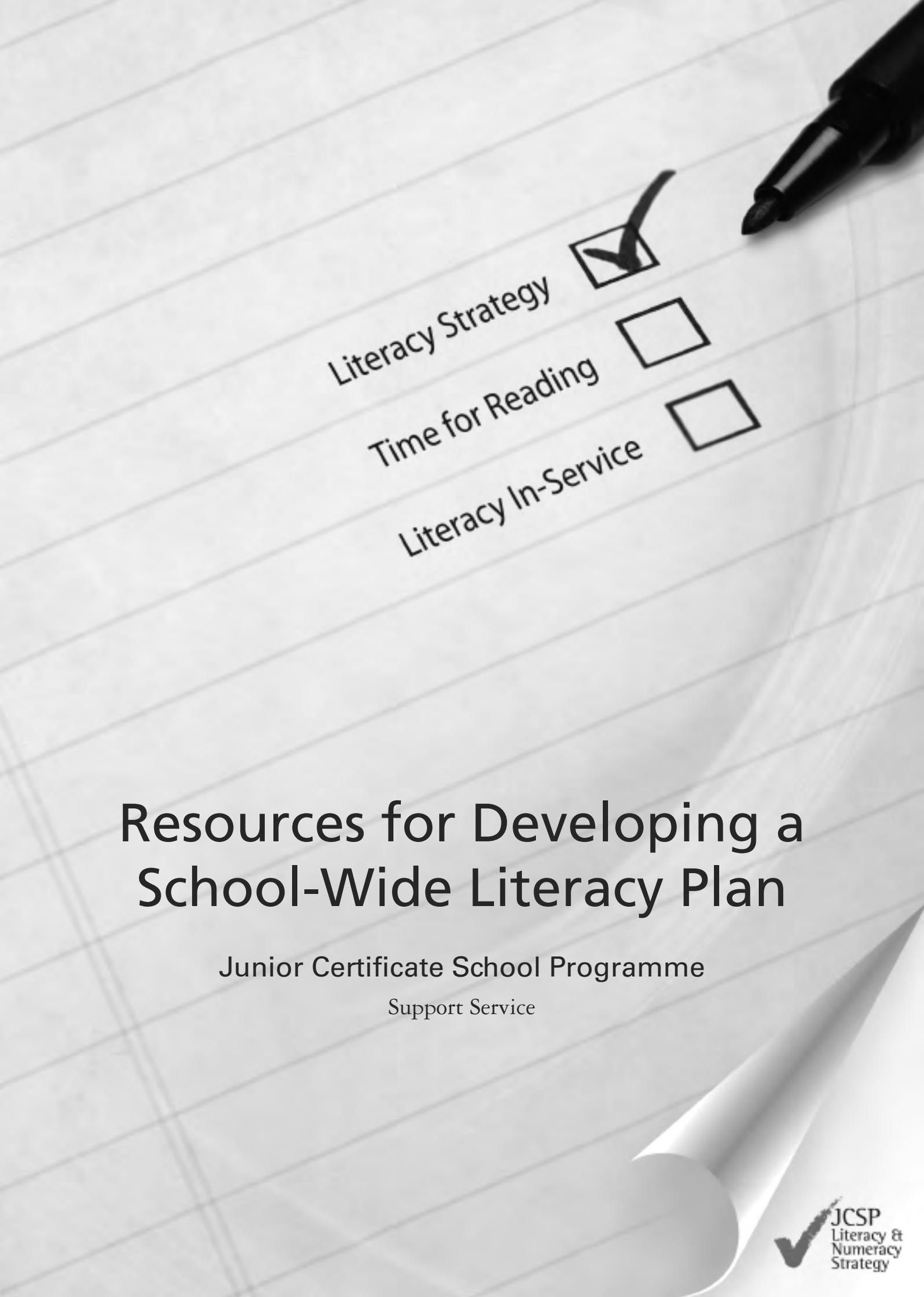


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# Resources for Developing a School-Wide Literacy Plan

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## 1. Why a whole school approach to literacy?

There is a large number of schools within the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP) with a concentration of students with poor literacy skills. Schools have identified poor literacy skills as a key reason why young people drop out of school. It explains why some young people get very little out of school despite succeeding in the examinations.

There are no easy solutions to this problem but recent research in Ireland and internationally points us in certain directions. In the *Summary Report on Remedial Education* (1999) Shiel & Morgan recommend that 'schools in which low achievement in English and/or Mathematics is a serious problem should be made aware of school-wide restructuring programmes that have been shown to increase achievement across all pupils in these subjects'. More recently the findings of the *Ready for Life?* (PISA) study (2001) by Shiel, Cosgrove, Sofroniou and Kelly 'suggest a need to implement focused school-wide and individual programmes in second level schools that are designed to target students with serious reading difficulties and, where such programmes are already in place (e.g. learning support), to examine their effectiveness'. A focused approach to addressing the needs of students with very low achievement in mathematics and science, where language skills are also implicated, was recommended.

Research on what works in other countries indicates that, within post primary, a school-wide approach starting in first year is very effective in improving literacy standards. The consolidation and development of basic skills in first year will prepare the child for success at second level and beyond. While students with a reading age below 8 are usually offered individualised programmes by the learning support teachers, those with a reading age between 8 - 10, to whom learning support resources cannot usually stretch, respond very well to a school-wide approach. Schools have had success by broadening the awareness of reading among all the teachers and encouraging the whole staff to analyse the reading needs of their subject. For the students this means that instead of a short withdrawal period once or twice a week when reading is attended to, they have an opportunity to work successfully at their subject all week long.

In their research report, *What works in Secondary School* (1999) the Basic Skills Agency outlines some of the elements of a successful school-wide approach. These include:

- Targeting first year students
- Focus on students with 8.00 - 10.00 R.A.
- Paired Reading/Mentoring
- Professional development for teachers
- Focus on developing a range of reading strategies and skills
- Provide specific individualised instruction
- Follow up in SUBJECT classrooms
- Regular use of assessment
- Provide frequent opportunities to practice reading
- Regular use of IT for individualised programmes



## 2. Why a School Literacy Plan?

For the success of a school-wide literacy approach that caters for all of the learners there needs to be a whole school commitment to literacy. This means the development of shared goals and vision of the staff around literacy and the communication of those goals in a systematic way. The process of developing a literacy plan allows, and indeed requires, staff to play an active role in planning for improvement.

In order for this to come about, staff will need time to discuss issues and 'own' policies and ideas, time to develop:

1. a cohesive definition of literacy
2. a whole school literacy policy
3. a whole school acceptance and understanding of what should be the school's short term literacy aim.

Schools with a high concentration of students who are underachieving in literacy will need to get agreement among teachers that literacy development will become a priority. Establishing literacy as a priority will mean:

1. setting up/supporting the appropriate structures
2. creating a reading ethos
3. making literacy part of the curriculum.

An important part of the plan is the opportunity to look at the literacy provision currently available in the school and the kind of practices that may be common but are less than ideal. Audits of literacy practices in English schools have thrown up some interesting results

Typical findings:

- lots of copying from blackboards
- much unchallenging comprehension work
- pupils encounter a minimal range of texts
- reading is often restricted to short bursts of a few seconds
- writing usually consists of very short unfinished pieces
- pupils aren't taught how to use reference materials
- widespread use of worksheets - often ill-designed
- insufficient opportunities for oral work
- good practice that isn't shared

The development of the school literacy plan is an opportunity to address these practices. It will also serve as the reference point by which to measure progress and to keep the literacy work on track.



### 3. Literacy Committee/Working Party

- The group would be responsible for developing and implementing a plan for a whole school approach to literacy development - encompassing professional development for teachers, short-term interventions and a school-wide enrichment policy.
- A literacy co-ordinator could implement and drive the plan and liaise with the subject departments & teachers, learning support, management, and the feeder primary schools.
- Establish calendar for literacy development.
- Put in place structures to review, monitor and evaluate the literacy development plan.
- Drive the school literacy development plan focusing particularly on first year students and on developing a whole school aspect.

The core group could meet regularly and could be comprised of the following:

- Literacy co-ordinator
- JCSP co-ordinator
- School Completion co-ordinator
- Head of English
- JCSP Librarian if in place
- Learning support /resource teacher
- Management representative

The committee could liaise with some of the following:

- Home School Community Liaison co-ordinator
- Class Tutor
- Parent/Home visitor
- Practical teacher - Woodwork, Metalwork, Home Economics, Art, Science



## 4. The Planning Process

Stage 1	
Where are we now?	<p>Establish baseline data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An audit of current provision (with the help of the Junior Certificate School Programme)</li> <li>• The extent of existing literacy problems</li> <li>• The impact poor literacy is having on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and teaching</li> <li>• Student absenteeism</li> <li>• Student behaviour</li> <li>• Progression into senior cycle</li> <li>• Results in examinations</li> <li>• Student drop-out</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Where do we want to get to?	Identify targets and success criteria
What are our needs?	<p>Identify staff training needs</p> <p>Identify resources required</p>
Stage 2	
Organise professional development	<p>Meeting with the JCSP support service to tailor the in-service sessions to meet the identified needs of the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole-staff</li> <li>• Core team</li> <li>• Subject department</li> <li>• Sub-section of staff (parallel session on Numeracy for rest of staff)</li> </ul>
Initial full staff training	<p>Initial in-service - full day</p> <p>Key strategies discussed by staff</p> <p>Strategies selected for implementation (<i>or selection may take place later - see Stage 4 below</i>)</p> <p>Decision made to set up a working group</p> <p>Monitoring and review dates decided</p> <p>Set up the working group</p>
Stage 3	
Establish a Working Group	<p>Agree the role of the working group, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire JCSP resources</li> <li>• Purchase books</li> <li>• Establish further training needs.</li> <li>• Identify who will organise training.</li> <li>• Support the strategy that has been chosen.</li> <li>• Monitor the progress of the strategy</li> <li>• Review and evaluate.</li> <li>• Advise staff of outcomes</li> </ul> <p>Agree the working conditions of the working group, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When/how often will the group meet?</li> <li>• With whom will the group consult?</li> <li>• To whom will the group report? When?</li> </ul> <p>Assign Lead Responsibility within the working group</p>



Stage 4	
Plan and implement strategies	<p>Identify target group of students (agree selection criteria):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• small group</li> <li>• whole class</li> <li>• year group</li> <li>• whole school</li> </ul> <p>Select strategies for implementation (<i>if not already chosen in Stage 2</i>)</p> <p>Plan the implementation of strategies selected [Action Plan for each]</p>
Stage 5	
Monitor and Review	<p>Implement each strategy with the target group</p> <p>Agree and implement the involvement of parents in the strategies</p> <p>The working group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monitors progress regularly (at agreed intervals)</li> <li>• reviews progress, with those implementing the strategy</li> <li>• reports back to staff (at review meeting)</li> </ul>
Stage 6	
Evaluate impact	Evaluate the impact of the strategy with respect to the success criteria and new emerging data
Plan the next step	<p>Decide whether to continue with strategy</p> <p>Decide whether to consider a different strategy as well/instead</p>
Plan subsequent steps	<p>Identify further training needs, if appropriate</p> <p>Identify and purchase any other resources needed</p> <p>Consider other initiatives to support the literacy programme</p> <p>Build in systematic review and reporting back</p> <p>Document and disseminate decisions, actions and evaluations</p>



## 5. Writing the Literacy Element of the School Plan

### Some Factors to Consider

#### Developing a Literacy-rich Environment:

- Literate environments in the classrooms
  - Provision of literacy materials
  - Range of books on offer
  - Type of displays created
- Creation of a print rich environment
  - In the public areas of the school
  - Reading posters
  - Book choice corner or boards

#### Teaching and learning

- Shared vision
- Shared set of goals in the school
- Clarity around who is responsible for teaching literacy
- Clarity for teachers around standards expected and achievable success outcomes
- Understanding of terminology - Reading age etc

#### Literacy Development Planning

- Establishing a vision
- Setting achievable targets and learning outcomes
- Setting indicators of success
- Selecting strategies/actions to improve literacy, e.g.
  - Providing formative feedback to students
  - Implementing consistent approaches to writing, key words, punctuation, etc.
  - Marking policy
  - Catering for the development of basic skills in literacy
  - Introducing a literacy day/week
  - Involvement in JCSP Literacy Initiatives
  - Developing and implementing literacy projects
  - Accessing relevant continuous professional development
  - Providing opportunities for feedback to staff by teachers who attended off-site professional development in-service
  - Involvement of parents
  - Involvement of support agencies

- Investigation of other developmental strands, such as teacher-driven action research inquiry into practice (See pages XXXXXX of this booklet for suggestions re strategies/actions)
- Setting time scale for implementation
- Identifying key personnel to initiate action
- Sourcing and acquiring resources needed
- Monitoring progress
  - Regular reviewing and record keeping
  - Monitoring tests, house exams and State exams
  - Providing feedback to students
- Evaluating impact of strategies

#### Areas for development

- Provision for pupils with literacy difficulties
- Reading for pleasure
- Written work - creative and curriculum related
- Literacy events in the school
- Information skills
- Interventions
- School/Family/Community

#### Staff development

- School based
- Strategies for all teachers
- English department
- Ongoing
- Regularly revised
- Support from outside school



## 6. Preliminary Review of Literacy Provision

The following is a list of review questions, which could be used to establish the needs of the students in relation to literacy and how those needs are currently being met. Many of the questions - those related to reading ages etc - can be answered by the learning support/resource teachers, while others are broader and require an overview of students' achievement and school structures. Ideally, this preliminary review would be tailored to the particular school and carried out by the literacy development group.

Each section of the review has a summary box, indicating if further action is required, which will assist with planning. A more general review exercise for the full staff could then be used at a staff planning meeting.



## Review of Literacy Provision

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Carried out by: \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Reading Levels

#### Reading Ages Between 8-10

How many 1st years have a R.A between 8 and 10? \_\_\_\_\_

What supports are in place to help them improve their reading?

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How many 2nd years have a R.A between 8 and 10? \_\_\_\_\_

What supports are in place to help them improve their reading?

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How many 3rd years have a R.A between 8 and 10? \_\_\_\_\_

What supports are in place to help them improve their reading?

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How much time per week is available to such students for

a) reading instruction (individual/group)? \_\_\_\_\_

b) reading at appropriate level \_\_\_\_\_

Are the structures currently in place adequate to support these students?

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**Reading Age Below 8**

How many 1st years have a reading age below 8? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there provision for appropriate programmes for of these students? Outline:

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How many 2nd years have a reading age below 8? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there provision for appropriate programmes for these students? Outline:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

How many 3rd years have a reading age below 8? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there provision for appropriate programmes for these students? Outline:

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How much time per week is available to such students for

a) reading instruction (individual/group)? \_\_\_\_\_

b) reading at appropriate level \_\_\_\_\_

Are the structures currently in place adequate to support these students ?

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## B. Assessment

1. How regularly is reading attainment assessed throughout the school?

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2. What is the average increment in reading age between 1st and 3rd year?

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3. Are the reading levels of senior cycle students a cause for concern?

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4. Do individual students get an opportunity to discuss their progress/lack of progress with teachers?

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5. Are the results of reading assessments communicated to the teaching staff? Outline:

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## C. Range of Resources

### Student Reading Resources

1. What reading materials available to the students?

- High Interest
- Age Appropriate
- At correct reading age level
- Relevant
- Fiction
- Non - Fiction

2. Is there a reading corner/reading area/book box scheme, other ?

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3. Are there books in the classrooms?

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4. Is there a school library?  Yes  No

If yes, can the students borrow books?

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5. Is there a library programme allowing teachers and students make the best use of the library?

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6. Does the school have a formal link with the public library?

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7. Could the school be described as 'a print rich' environment for students?

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8. What impression of the status of reading would a new student get?

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9. How is the status of reading indicated to the students?

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10. Is there easy access to books, throughout the week, for students?  Yes  No

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11. Are there sufficient resources to support leisure reading in the school?

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12. How could the school be improved as a 'print rich' environment for the students?

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### D. Classroom Resources

1. What resources are available to support literacy in the classroom? Example:

- Keyword materials
- Writing Frames
- Word Banks
- Reading materials
- Subject Topic Boxes
- Audio Books
- Word Walls
- Dictionaries/Thesaurus
- Catalogues
- JCSP Materials

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2. Where are the resources stored?

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3. Are there books in every classroom?

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4. What additional resources do we need to get?

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### E. Time for Reading

1. Is there time for reading during the week for the students who are underachieving?  
i.e. 20 minutes reading time 3 times per week.

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2. Is there timetabled Time for Reading in the school?

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3. Does the school run reading challenges to encourage regular reading?

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4. Does the school organise or participate in a literacy or Book event?

Never       Annually       Regularly

5. Do any students have a weekly library period?

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## F. Teacher training

Do the teachers need assistance in establishing the literacy demands in their subject area?

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Do the subject teachers feel they need training in literacy support?

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Have they received any training in this area?

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Have any teachers, other than the learning support/resource teachers, received training in any skills they could use to support literacy in their subject area?

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Has the school surveyed in order to establish further training needs?  Yes  No

If yes, what further training do teachers require?

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### G. Student Access to Examination Levels

1. Are poor reading levels a major consideration when deciding the examinations level in some subject areas for students?

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2. If students' reading levels improved could they be entered for different examination levels than they currently are?

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3. How do the standards achieved in the Junior Certificate by our students compare to the national average? What can be learned from this?

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4. Joining/leaving class - what is the procedure for students changing examination levels?

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## H. Interventions

What JCSP initiatives are run in the school?

- Paired Reading
- Readalong
- Word Millionaire
- Reading Challenge
- Spelling Challenge
- Reading Programme (SRA) in the English Class
- Subject Topic Boxes
- Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)
- Celebrations
- Keyword Strategy
- Author in Residence
- Make A Book
- Storytelling
- Arts Initiatives
- Film Initiative
- Primary Picture Book
- Reading Corners
- Digital Storytelling
- Comic Life

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### I. Establishing needs

1. Would many subject teachers regard the development of literacy as part of their role?

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2. Are the literacy levels of the majority of students in the school satisfactory?  Yes  No  
If so, how do you know?

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3. Is there a perceived need for a whole school approach?

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4. Is there a literacy policy in place?

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5. Is there agreement on the causes of underachievement in literacy in the school?

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6. Is there a school policy on any of these - spelling, marking, homework, presentation of work?

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## Subject Teacher: Literacy development strategies checklist

Do the teachers in the school have enough information to develop or use the following strategies? Tick the strategies already in use by subject teachers.

*Circle the strategies for which training is needed.*

### Strategies for reading development /extension:

- |                        |                              |                             |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Readability of Text    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Using Keyword Approach | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Skimming & Scanning    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Writing Frames         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Graphic Organisers     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Mind Maps              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Note Taking Skills     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| SQ3R                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Spelling               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Marking assignments    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

### Reconstruction Activities

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cloze                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Sequencing                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Matching up technical words to definitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Labelling                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Classification                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Table Construction                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Prediction                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

### Analysis Activities

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Text Marking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Labelling/Segmenting      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Pupil generated questions | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Diagram Completion        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Summarise information     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Would literacy training for subject teachers be useful at this stage of planning?

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## 7. JCSP Literacy Related Initiatives & Materials

### Keyword Initiative

This strategy supports the pre-teaching of keywords and concepts of the topic ahead as well as reinforcement and revisions exercises. Materials are available to support the initiatives:

- Keyword notebooks
- Keyword wall charts
- Keyword folder inserts
- Keyword wall magnets
- Keyword bookmarks
- Key Spelling Bookmarks.

### Reading Challenge Initiative

Reading Challenge is a short-term reading intervention, developed by a JCSP School Co-ordinator. Students are challenged to read a book a week for six weeks. Parental involvement is an element of this intervention. Reading Challenge motivates students to read and review books; they also track their reading and are awarded for successfully meeting the Reading Challenge. The following support materials are provided to schools:

- 'Reading Challenge' teacher guidelines
- Students book review 'Reading Challenge' booklet
- Reading Challenge student achievement certificate
- Reading Challenge bookmarks
- Reading Challenge wall poster

### "Who Wants to Be a Word Millionaire?" Initiative

"Who Wants to be a Word Millionaire?" is a short-term reading intervention, which challenges a class group of JCSP students to engage in recreational reading, at home with the support of their parents, and to collectively read a total of one million words (or more) over a six-week period. The following support materials are provided to schools: Teacher guidelines, "Who Wants to Be a Word Millionaire?" achievement certificates and "Who Wants to Be a Word Millionaire?" wall charts for entering and tracking the cumulative totals of words read to date.

### Readalong Initiative

Readalong initiative supports students in reading for pleasure, using Walkmans/MP3 players and books on tape/CD/audio downloads. Readalong is a short-term reading intervention where students read while listening to the book being read on tape or CD. Students can also review the books and track their reading. After completing a six-week Readalong programme students are awarded for their achievement. The following support materials are provided to schools:

- Teacher Guidelines for Readalong
- Information on Audio books & Suppliers
- Student book review booklet
- Reading Project Achievement Certificate
- A variety of bookmarks

### Paired Reading Initiative

Paired Reading is a short-term reading intervention. Student reading is supported by a tutor. Paired Reading runs 3 to 4 times a week for six weeks. A Paired Reading initiative can work where JCSP students



act as tutors to a primary school class, or senior cycle students are reading tutors for a JCSP class or parents work with students as tutors. Students are awarded for successfully taking part in this reading project. The following support materials are provided to schools:

- Paired Reading teacher guidelines
- Paired Reading tutor training video 'Everyone Reads'
- Paired Reading student achievement certificate
- A Paired Reading Student Folder
- Paired Reading tutor achievement certificate
- A variety of bookmarks.
- A Paired Reading Poster

### **Reading Programme in the English Classrooms Initiative**

This initiative enables schools to use a reading laboratory e.g. SRA outside of the learning support context with JCSP students. It is envisaged that schools would run a six week programme using a reading laboratory resource, aimed at accelerating reading and providing students with a regular opportunity to read at their own level and track their progress. Schools are requested to select first year JCSP students to participate in this initiative.

### **Subject Topic Boxes**

Many textbooks have readability levels of 14+ making them relatively inaccessible to students who are underachieving in reading. With this initiative schools have the opportunity to purchase topic books and resources related to their individual subject areas with a wide range of reading levels. This will allow students to read about a topic that interests them and support the work of the textbook. This will be relevant to all subjects e.g. Materials Technology Wood, Materials Technology Metal, History, Geography, Home Economics, Science etc.

### **Spelling Challenge**

This initiative is aimed at subject teachers interested in improving the spelling of key vocabulary offering the students a challenge in order to motivate the learning process. Spelling journals are available for the challenge.

### **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)**

This is a great way of promoting reading across the whole school or year group. The idea is that at a set time, everyday for a week, everyone stops what they are doing and reads for fifteen minutes. It is a shared experience, gets people talking about books and reading while conveying a strong message that the school believes in reading. Students read, principals read, teachers in the staff room read, phones are taken off the hook and secretaries read, the caretaker reads and all visitors to the school are offered books to read or magazines to look through. This initiative can be used to organise boxes of books, magazines, and newspapers per class, as well as one for the staffroom and office!

### **Author in Residence Initiative**

This programme particularly focuses on creative writing skills development, where an author works for a period of time with a group of students. The aim is to produce a piece of work that could then be exhibited as part of the Make A Book exhibition. Schools could link with Poetry Ireland Writers in Schools Residencies Scheme. This scheme is based on the idea of a short residency by a writer to a school, working closely with one teacher and with the same class or group of students. Many projects have a strong local flavour, in that the writer is local. The thinking behind these residencies is to take a more developmental approach towards the teaching of literature and to develop approaches, which



enable the participants to explore the world of the imagination over a longer period of time, in the company of an experienced writer. The participation of a key teacher and the development of a working alliance between the teacher and writer is fundamental to this approach.

### **Storytelling**

This initiative allows schools to invite an outside storyteller/seanachai, and introduces the art of storytelling. Sharing and creating a common experience in storytelling aids in the development of oral language patterns and listening skills. Students need a wide experience with spoken language if they are to achieve success in reading. This initiative could be part of a wider project involving students creating and telling their own stories. The recordings of student stories could be entered for Make A Book.

### **Primary Picture Books**

JCSP students link with a primary school class and choose an appropriate picture book to read to the students. The students are prepared to visit the primary school and each student is assigned a reading partner to whom they read the book. On completion, each student presents the book to their reading partner.

### **Reading Corners**

This initiative is used to create a classroom reading corner with books on a variety of topics, and a range of reading levels. The space provides a wide range of genres, both fiction and non-fiction, including such reference books as dictionaries, thesauruses, and encyclopaedias etc. Bean bags and Walkmans could also be a feature of the classroom reading corner.

### **Digital storytelling and Oral Language Development**

Everyone has a story to tell. Digital storytelling revolves around the idea of combining telling stories with any of a variety of available multimedia tools. Digital stories are short films made by students using computers and photographs, drawings, sound etc. The short film/video can be created by an individual or group of students.

Check out these web sites for more information on digital storytelling:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/tellinglives/>

<http://www.storycenter.org/principles.html>

<http://www.coe.uh.edu/digital-storytelling/gettingstarted.htm>

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.aspx/>

<http://electronicportfolios.com/digistory/>

### **General Literacy Initiatives**

This allows schools to come up with their own imaginative response to the literacy difficulties that they are encountering among their students. It is hoped to encourage some projects using mobile phones and texting to be linked to literacy improvement.

### **Make A Book**

An annual event which brings together several strands of the JCSP: it provides an audience and motivation for student writing, it brings teachers together in cross curricular work and it celebrates students' work. The annual exhibition features a colourful and exciting range of student 'made' books and displays.



## 8. Staff Review of Literacy - Scaling Exercise

This is an exercise that can be given to all the teachers at a staff or literacy planning meeting. It is based on the Solution Focus Framework of the 0 to 10 scale, where 10 equals the achievement of all goals and zero is the worst possible scenario. The exercise can be useful in helping staff to identify what they feel positive about and in building on what they are already doing well.

In this case 10 equals:

*Our literacy provision caters adequately for the needs of all the students*

and 0 equals:

*Our literacy provision does not adequately cater for the needs of all our students.*

The teachers are first asked to rate the school's current position on the scale in relation to literacy and to mark it on the scale. Then they are asked to think about the resources and interventions already in place that justify that position e.g. "If you put a 4, why is it a 4 rather than a 3 or a 5. What's already in place and working well that justifies a 4?" Give some examples of what might be in place and ask the teachers to suggest some things that are working well enough to warrant a 4 rather than a 3. It could be any of the following:

- well organised learning support
- a good supply of books
- staff have had training
- supportive parents
- local public library
- a good attitude towards reading among the pupils
- the Reading Challenge is popular
- Paired Reading programme is well established

Any of these could be stopping the school from slipping one point lower down the scale. There could be considerable divergence among the staff with some giving a rating of 8 and others 2 or 3 and some teachers may be reluctant to disclose their 'score'. This has to be handled carefully as it could possibly be taken personally by some member of staff. The teachers are asked to list the factors that justify the rating on the left side of the page.

### **Moving up the scale**

Then on the right side they are asked to describe what the next point on the scale would look like.

If you woke up tomorrow and found that your school had moved up one point on the scale how would you know?

They could be given examples of changes. The more specific the change the better, e.g. it might be that the:

- Subject teachers now use a keyword approach between mid term and Christmas
- School had a bigger selection of suitable books.



# Staff Review of Literacy - Scaling Exercise

## A School-Wide Approach to Literacy

Our literacy provision caters adequately for the needs of all the students

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4

### Why we're at 4

Well organised learning support

A good supply of books  
Staff have had training  
The Reading Challenge is popular

Paired Reading programme well established

3

2

1

0

### If we were at 5 it would look like this:

Subject teachers use a keyword approach and materials

How would you know?

What would be the difference?

1. If you scored e.g. 4, give reasons why it is a 4 not a 3 or a 5 - List the factors.....
2. Suggest one change that could bring your score to 5



## 9. Integration of literacy development with other school activities

Literacy development, to be effective, should take cognisance of the need to integrate a personal development programme into the literacy and numeracy strategy. This could be achieved through involvement in an outdoor education programme, JCSP formative profiling and involvement in sport and fine art.

The activities would dovetail into the specific JCSP work such as JCSP Initiatives:

- The Reading Challenge
- Readalong
- Paired Reading
- Cross Age Peer Tutoring
- Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)
- Word Millionaire
- Arts Initiative
- Reading Programme (SRA) in the English Class
- Make a Book
- Film Initiative
- Celebrations
- Keyword Strategy
- Spelling Challenges
- Reading corners
- Primary Picture Books
- Subject Topic Boxes
- Author in Residence
- Storytelling

### **Activities: First year focus for students who are seriously underachieving in literacy**

Some ideas for first year literacy development:

- 1 class per day devoted to literacy development
- Time for reading at least 3 times per week
- Twenty timetabled minutes per day where students read at their own level
- Small teaching team
- Formative profiling
- D.E.A.R. programme (Drop Everything And Read)
- Oral language development programme
- Listening skills training programme
- Writing skills support
- Library/Information-skills
- Critical literacy skills training module
- Spelling Policy
- Marking policy
- Literacy Day/Week
- Book boxes in the classroom
- Consistent approach to writing, layout, punctuation
- Individualised literacy programmes where appropriate (particularly reading age under 8)
- Use of appropriate IT software
- Team teaching
- Access to books



## 10. Writing the literacy element of the School Plan

### Factors to consider

#### Literate environments in the classrooms

- Provision of literacy materials
- Range of books on offer
- Type of displays created

#### Creation of a print rich environment

- In the public areas of the school
- Reading posters
- Up to date book-related displays
- Reading corner
- Library

#### Teaching and learning

- Shared set of goals in the school
- Who is responsible for teaching literacy?
- Clarity for teachers around standards expected and achieved
- Understanding of terminology - Reading age etc

#### Literacy/Numeracy development plan

- Setting targets
- Success indicator
- Resources required
- Time scale for implementation
- Key person to initiate action
- Record keeping
- Feedback to students
- Review

#### Areas for development

- Pupils with literacy difficulties
- Reading for pleasure
- Written work - creative and curriculum related
- Literacy events in the school
- Information & computer literacy skills
- Interventions
- School/Family/Community

#### Staff development

- School based
- Strategies for all teachers
- English department
- ICT department
- Ongoing
- Regularly revised
- Support from outside school



## 11. Sample action plan templates

Refer to Section 4 of SDPI guidelines, sample action plan.

### Class/Group/Students: 1 Oak & 1 Elm

Strategy	Activities	Objectives	When?	By whom?	Resources required	How we measure	Review date
<b>Keywords used in subject classes</b>	<p>Teachers reminded of keyword reinforcement exercises and given handout</p> <p>Subject departments agree on core vocabulary for display</p> <p>Distribute keyword note books to students</p> <p>Keyword posters in each room</p> <p>Teachers use bookmarks in daily lessons</p> <p>Pairwork exercises</p>	<p>Students will learn keywords in agreed subjects</p> <p>Students will be able to read keywords</p> <p>Students will explain keywords to classmate / teacher orally</p> <p>Students will use keywords appropriately in sentences orally / in writing</p>	Immediately after mid term	<p>JCSP coord / English teacher to distribute resources</p> <p>Subject teachers decide on words</p>	<p>Keyword reinforcement exercises handout for teachers</p> <p>Keyword notebooks</p> <p>Keyword wall posters</p> <p>Keyword A4 sheets</p> <p>Keyword fridge magnets</p> <p>Bookmarks</p>	<p>Teacher observation</p> <p>Oral assessment</p> <p>Cloze exercise</p> <p>Class tests</p>	After 4 weeks



## Sample action plan templates

### Class/Group/Students: 1 Elm

Strategy	Activities	Objectives	When?	By whom?	Resources required	How we measure	Review date
<b>Reading Challenge*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather appropriate book selection</li> <li>Display Reading Challenge posters with countdown date</li> <li>Parents informed by letter &amp; invited to meeting</li> <li>Assembly of Reading Challenge packs by students</li> <li>Introduce Reading Challenge</li> <li>Selection of first books by students</li> <li>Daily reading period of 20 minutes</li> <li>Parents sign reading journal</li> <li>Prizes selected</li> <li>Celebration &amp; presentation of certificates &amp; prizes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will read 6 books</li> <li>Students will discuss at least one book in class</li> <li>Parents will sign students' reading journal</li> <li>Students will contribute to 'Recommended Reads' poster</li> </ul>	<p>Parents meeting 2nd week of term</p> <p>Daily reading begins 3rd week after Christmas</p>	JCSP coord/ English teacher/.....	<p>Selection of age appropriate fiction &amp; non-fiction books</p> <p>Reading Challenge Posters</p> <p>Recommended Reads Posters</p> <p>Reading Challenge pack per student</p> <p>JCSP Stickers</p>	<p>Post-testing if used</p> <p>Number of books read</p> <p>Student journals completed &amp; signed</p> <p>Teacher observation of discussion</p> <p>Use of Recommended Reads Posters</p>	After 6 weeks
<b>*Pre &amp; Post testing optional</b>							



## Appendix 1 - Literacy Strategies Log

### List of Possible Strategies

- Oracy Development: Pair Work and Group Work
- Key Words
- Skim
- Scan
- Close Reading
- Proofing
- SQ3R
- Spellings
- Writing Frames
- Graphic Organisers
- Mind Maps
- Matching up technical words to definitions
- Sequencing
- Cloze
- Note Taking Skills
- Labelling/Segmenting
- Text Marking
- Prediction
- Table Construction
- Summarise information
- Diagram Completion
- Pupil generated questions
- Classification
- Labelling
- Software/Internet
- Readalong
- Paired Reading
- Library sessions
- Book Club
- Information Skills
- Reading for Meaning
- Reading for Pleasure
- The Reading Challenge
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### Whole School Approach to Literacy

#### Strategies Log

Class / Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Strategy/strategies being used:

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Outline of Strategy/Strategies:

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Successes:

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Challenges:

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Evidence of Change:

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## Appendix 2 - Bank of questions for Literacy Review

### Staff Review of Literacy - Scaling exercise

Our literacy provision caters adequately for the needs of all the students	10
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0	Our literacy provision does not adequately cater for the needs of all our students

1. If you scored e.g. 4, give reasons why it is a 4 not a 3 or a 5 - List the factors.....
2. Suggest one change that could bring your score to 5





## Appendix 4 - Evaluating Learning Outcomes, Strategies and Interventions

### Literacy Assessment Modes

- Reading comprehension exercises
- Reading Aloud
- Class discussion
- Number of books read
- In class, written assessments
- Standard Attainment assessment
- Standard Diagnostic assessment
- Term exams
- Portfolio assessment
- Self-assessment (using a Skills Checklist) ("Confident"/"Not so Confident"/"Don't Know")
- Peer assessment
- Homework assessment
- Teacher observation
- Project completion
- Student exhibition
- Student presentation
- Explaining to Someone Else
- Performance in a Simulated Situation (rehearsing an event in real-life)
- Skills Transfer (skills learned from one situation can be tried out in another)
- Performance in Real Life Situation
- JCSP Initiatives Pre and post tests
- Student Questionnaires
- Analysis of Results in Junior Certificate Examination
- Adaptation of Bloom's Taxonomy template

### Using Standardised Attainment Tests



# Appendix 5 - JCSP Literacy Related statements

## English

### Area of Experience: English

# English

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

<b>1 Personal Expression: Writing</b>	○○○
Use written language to express and reflect on experiences	
<b>2 Experience of Literature and Media</b>	○○○
Respond to a range of reading materials and media sources	
<b>3 Creative Writing</b>	○○○
Produce an original piece of creative writing, drawing on either an external stimulus or on personal imagination	
<b>4 Experience of Literature</b>	○○○
Respond to a range of reading materials and literacy texts	
<b>5 English: Novel/Short Story</b>	○○○
Describe, reflect and respond to a novel or short story studied	
<b>6 English: Poetry</b>	○○○
Describe, reflect and respond to poetry studied	
<b>7 English: Play/Film</b>	○○○
Describe, reflect and respond to a play or film studied	
<b>8 English: Letter Writing</b>	○○○
Write a formal and informal letter	
<b>9 English: Report Writing</b>	○○○
Write a report – a factual account of an event or situation	
<b>10 English: Creative Writing</b>	○○○
Review a novel, poem, play, film, song, or any other creative work	
<b>11 English: Advertisements</b>	○○○
Comment on the purpose, content and features of various advertisements	
<b>12 English: Print Media</b>	○○○
Comment on the purpose, content and features of various types of print media	

Work begun ● ○ ○ | Work in progress ● ● ○ | Work completed ● ● ●



## Personal Expression: Writing

# English

Statement Code no: 1

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Use written language to express and reflect on experiences

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

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| 1 Write a brief note or paragraph about a personal experience or interest, e.g. for a diary or journal          | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Write three paragraphs about a personal experience or interest, e.g. for a letter to a friend                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Give a written account of specified personal likes and dislikes, e.g. a list of favourite musicians           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Write a note or paragraph expressing the experiences of seeing, hearing, touching, tasting                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Write a note or paragraph expressing the emotions and experiences in a given situation                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Write a note or paragraph expressing a preference or opinion about a given situation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Produce a piece of writing responding to a letter, story, poem, book, film, newspaper article or TV programme | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Imagine the ending of a story, background of a character or event and write it                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Re-read, revise and correct own writing   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: All subjects except Physical Education

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# Experience of Literature and Media

## English

Statement Code no: 2

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

### Respond to a range of reading materials and media sources

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Watch, listen and respond to different types of TV, video and radio programmes*              | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Explore the content of an advertisement  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Respond personally to stories, poems, plays, newspapers and magazines independently          | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Summarise the plots of a range of written texts or media                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Discuss the plot of a range of written texts or media  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Give a personal opinion of material drawn from a range of written and media texts            | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | Imagine a continuation of a story line, background of a character or event and summarise it  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | Choose a book from an appropriate level and read from beginning to end over a period of time | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Refer also to:** Business Studies, Home Economics, Civic Social and Political Education, Science, Computer Studies, Keyboarding, Typewriting, Environmental and Social Studies, Personal and Social Development

*\* Parental involvement could be sought for this objective*

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# Creative Writing

## English

Statement Code no: 3

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Produce an original piece of creative writing, drawing on either an external stimulus, or on imagination

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Compose a poem  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Write a story or a piece of prose                             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Write a dialogue  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Compose a monologue or speech                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Write a short sketch  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Write a role-play or interview                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Make a video tape, reporting on a topic of personal interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Make an audio tape, reporting on a topic of personal interest | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Re-read, revise and correct work                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Refer also to:** Business Studies, Home Economics, Civic Social and Political Education, Science, Computer Studies, Keyboarding, Typewriting, Environmental and Social Studies, Personal and Social Development

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# Experience of Literature

## English

Statement Code no: 4

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

### Respond to a range of reading materials and literary texts

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Identify the various texts, for example poem / short story / novel / play / film / biography             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Choose and read a poem   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Identify the theme of the poem; give your personal response to the poem                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Choose and read a short story  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Discuss the theme, character and plot of the short story; give your personal response to the short story | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Choose and read a novel.   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Discuss the theme, characters and plot of the novel; give your personal response to the novel            | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Choose and read a play   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Discuss the theme, characters and plot of the play; give your personal response to the play.             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Explain how to stage a play or a scene (Props, costumes, scenery, stage directions, lighting, sound)    | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Choose and read a biography   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Discuss the person's life-story; the setting and the language used                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: Cross-Curricular Statements dealing with Reading

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## English: Novel/Short Story

# English

Statement Code no: 5

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Describe, reflect and respond to a novel or short story studied

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Give the title of the novel and the author's name  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Explain what plot and theme mean   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Explain what setting and character mean  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Give a summary of the main events in the novel in five short statements                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Write about an important moment in the story and say why it is important                           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Name the main characters and their relationship to each other                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Describe where the story is set  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Give a description of what each character looks like   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Describe what the character/s does (speech, actions, thoughts)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Explain why the character/s act in certain ways   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 State what can be learned about the main character from the way other characters react to him/her | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Write what was liked/disliked and found interesting about a main character                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 Describe a character's personality and where in the novel this personality trait can be seen.     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Note the way a character changes from the beginning to the end of the story                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Comment on the words the author uses to describe the character                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 Explain the ways the author grabs the reader's attention  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 Write about what was liked or disliked about the ending of the novel                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 Use reference or quotation to back up answers   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# English: Poetry

## English

Statement Code no: 6

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

### Describe, reflect and respond to poetry studied

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

#### Learning Targets - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- 1 Give the title of the poem/s and the poet/s name
- 2 Explain what the poem is about, the theme
- 3 Explain what idea is presented in the first verse and how it changes and develops by the end of the poem
- 4 Choose a line from the poem and explain what you think it means
- 5 Choose an image (picture) from the poem and say why you liked/disliked it
- 6 Choose a simile or metaphor and describe how it adds to the poem
- 7 Choose an example of alliteration and say what idea the poet is trying to get across
- 8 Describe what feelings/emotions/moods are expressed in the poem and explain how they change
- 9 Write about what you liked/disliked and found interesting about the poem
- 10 Comment on the words the poet uses in the poem
- 11 Choose a poet studied and explain what you thought about their poetry
- 12 Use reference or quotation to back up answers

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## English: Play/Film

# English

Statement Code no: 7

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Describe, reflect and respond to a play or film studied

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

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|--|--|
| 1 Give the title of the play and the author's name   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Give the title of the film and the director's name   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Explain what plot and theme mean   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Explain what setting and character mean  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Give a summary of the main events in the play or film  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Write about an important moment in the play or film and say why it is important  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Name the main characters and their relationship to each other  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Describe where the play or film is set   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Give a description of what each character is like  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 State what can be learned about the main character from the way other characters react to him/her                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Write what was liked/disliked and found interesting about a main character  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Explain what you know about a character's personality and where in the play or film this personality trait can be seen. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 Note the way a character changes from the beginning to the end of the play or film                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Describe what kind of set you would design for a scene from a play or film you have studied                             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Comment on the use of music in a film studied   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 Write about what was liked or disliked about the ending of the play or film   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 Use reference or quotation to back up answers   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# English: Letter Writing

## English

Statement Code no: 8

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

### Write a formal and informal letter

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

#### Learning Targets - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 1  | Tell the difference between a formal and an informal letter  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | Write the address on the top right hand corner   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | Put the date underneath the address  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | Write the address of the person you are sending the letter to (formal letter), on the left hand side | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | Use the correct greeting   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | State why you are writing in the first paragraph   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | Give further reasons as to why you are writing in the second paragraph                               | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | Give your final points in the last paragraph   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | Match the closing farewell to the opening greeting   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Write out an address as it would look on an envelope   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | Use capital letters for the names of people and places   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 | Write a formal letter of complaint to a newspaper, shop or radio programme                           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | Write a formal letter applying for a job   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 | Write an informal letter to a friend who is in hospital  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | Write a response to a personal letter using 3 paragraphs   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## English: Report Writing

# English

Statement Code no: 9

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Write a report - a factual account of an event or situation

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Give the report a title and date                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Open with a single sentence describing the problem or event      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Say what happened  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Describe where, when and how it happened                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Explain who was present  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Give a solution if needed  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Explain only using the facts of an event or situation            | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Use paragraphs for each part of a report                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Check fullstops and capital letters are used correctly           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Give, at the end of a report, an opinion or any recommendations | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Sign the report   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# English: Creative Work

## English

Statement Code no: 10

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Review a novel, poem, play, film, song,  
or any other creative work

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Give the title of the work being reviewed  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Name the author of the piece   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Give the publisher's name  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Give a short introduction  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Give a summary of the setting, main characters and plot in the second paragraph but not the ending | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Describe what you liked and disliked about the piece   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Give an overall mark and recommendation  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Use capital letters for peoples's names and places   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Use reference or quotation to back up answers  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## English: Advertisements

# English

Statement Code no: 11

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Comment on the purpose, content and features of various advertisements

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Describe the aim of advertising   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Explore the content of an advertisement                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Explain the features of small advertisements                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Explain the features of commercial advertisements                           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Explain the features of specialist or government and charity advertisements | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Describe the kind of language used in an advertisement                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Identify and explain the caption in an advertisement                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Explain what a slogan is and give an example of one                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Give examples of eye-catching advertisements                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Explain how humour is used in advertising                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Name a jingle  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Identify logos, illustrations and images                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 Explain why logos are used in advertisements                               | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Give 4 examples of logos   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Explain the meaning of target audience                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 Give examples of how colour can be used in advertising                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# English: Print Media

## English

Statement Code no: 12

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

### Comment on the purpose, content and features of various types of print media

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| 1 List 4 characteristics of tabloid newspapers   | 000 |
| 2 List 4 characteristics of broadsheet newspapers  | 000 |
| 3 Understand and identify the masthead   | 000 |
| 4 Identify the title   | 000 |
| 5 Identify the context   | 000 |
| 6 Understand and identify banner headlines   | 000 |
| 7 Describe the role of headlines in attracting attention   | 000 |
| 8 Understand and identify columns, sub headings and captions                                     | 000 |
| 9 Explain how and why pictures/photos are used in print media                                    | 000 |
| 10 Understand and identify the by line   | 000 |
| 11 Understand and identify type face   | 000 |
| 12 Identify 4 features of report writing   | 000 |
| 13 Identify logos, illustrations, images   | 000 |
| 14 Explain what a reporter's job involves  | 000 |
| 15 Explain the job of an editor  | 000 |
| 16 Explain what audience means   | 000 |
| 17 Understand the source of news, direct coverage, witness report, investigators and conferences | 000 |
| 18 Understand what bias in reporting means   | 000 |
| 19 Recognise and explain the difference between formal and informal language                     | 000 |
| 20 Recognise the use of persuasive language in newspaper articles                                | 000 |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## Appendix 5 - JCSP Literacy Related statements

### Basic Skills

## Area of Experience: Basic Skills

# Basic Skills

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>1 Language Skills: Basic Reading</b><br/>Read basic English in specified situations</p>                           | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p><b>2 Language Skills: Basic Writing</b><br/>Write basic English in specified situations</p>                          | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p><b>3 Basic Arithmetic</b><br/>Apply the knowledge and skills needed to carry out basic mathematical calculations</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# Language Skills: Basic Reading

## Basic Skills

Statement Code no: 1

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

### Read basic English in specified situations

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 1  | Recognise the letters of the alphabet  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | Recognise common symbols and signs   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | Read a list of common sight words  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | Read familiar notices and labels in the classroom  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | Read with some recognition of phonic cues  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | Read using picture and context cues  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | Describe what happens in a story and predict what might happen next:<br>explain who the characters are in a story and say what they do | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | Explain what happens in an episode of a television programme with<br>which you are familiar  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | Find specific information in a given short piece of prose  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Show some understanding of alphabetical order and how to use a<br>basic dictionary   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | Read a short piece of prose at an appropriate level  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: All subjects

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## Language Skills: Basic Writing

# Basic Skills

Statement Code no: 2

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Write basic English in specified situations

Date Commenced: 00/00/00

Date Awarded: 00/00/00

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Write name, address and personal details   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Correctly label specified drawings and diagrams, e.g. parts of body, rooms in a house      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Show some ability to write using capital letters and full stops                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Produce simple non-chronological writing as in a speech bubble, greeting card, labels etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Write a brief message in note form   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Write greeting cards (e.g. Christmas, birthday etc.)                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Write neatly and legibly   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Sequence writing using a beginning, middle and end shape                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Find specific information in a given short piece of prose                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: All subjects

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## Appendix 5 - JCSP Literacy Related statements

### Literacy Related Cross Curricular Statements

# Social Competence

- \* Reading from Texts
- \* Functional Writing
  - \* Listening
  - \* Speaking
- \* Make-a-Book Statement



# Social Competence: Reading from Texts

CC

Statement Code no: 15

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

## Find general and specific information from a variety of texts

Date Commenced: ○○/○○/○○

Date Awarded: ○○/○○/○○

### Learning Targets – This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1 Use a contents page, an index and a dictionary  | ○○○ |
| 2 Find specific information in an alphabetical index  | ○○○ |
| 3 Find specific information in a timetable, league table, menu or advertisement                                   | ○○○ |
| 4 Find specific information in a piece of text, for example a textbook or newspaper                               | ○○○ |
| 5 Identify sentences, paragraphs and basic punctuation marks in a continuous piece of text                        | ○○○ |
| 6 Identify the topic of a short text in a section of a textbook; use texts from different subject areas           | ○○○ |
| 7 Give the main point of short texts from a number of different textbooks; use texts from different subject areas | ○○○ |
| 8 Find details which support the main point of a short text; use texts from different subject areas               | ○○○ |
| 9 Follow correctly step-by-step instructions for a recipe, experiment or exercise routine                         | ○○○ |

Refer also to: All subjects

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Work begun ●○○ | Work in progress ●●○ | Work completed ●●●



# Social Competence: Functional Writing

CC

Statement Code no: 16

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

## Make appropriate use of written language when dealing with the normal demands of school and everyday life

Date Commenced:    /

Date Awarded:    /

### Learning Targets – This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 1  | Address envelopes and postcards correctly  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | Write a personal letter to a friend thanking him/her for a gift  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | Use basic punctuation, for example, capital letter, full stop, question mark   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | Keep a brief written record in note form of important things to do (homework diary, appointments diary, list of tasks) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | Write a cheque   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | Fill in forms (post office account, driving licence, electoral register, bank lodgement and withdrawal slips etc.)     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | Write a simple letter of enquiry or complaint  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | Take a brief written message for another person, for example a telephone message                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | Write step-by-step instructions of how to perform a familiar task (copy a cassette, make an omelette)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Present personal information in correct CV format  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: English, Business Studies, Home Economics, Civic Social and Political Education, Science, Information Technology/Computer Studies, Environmental and Social Studies

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## Social Competence: Listening

CC

Statement Code no: 17

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Use written or oral language to demonstrate the ability to listen and to retain information accurately

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

**Learning Targets** – This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Summarise a story told by one or more people  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Follow instructions given by the teacher  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Identify specific points of information from an exchange between two or more people                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Identify specific information from a distant source, for example television, speaking train timetable | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Record information accurately from, for example, the TV news  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Repeat verbal information   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Repeat verbal information in written form   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Write an accurate summary of information given in an advertisement on the radio                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Follow a sequence of instructions given by someone, for example to make an omelette                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: All subjects. This statement can be accessed by sign language

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Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# Social Competence: Speaking

CC

Statement Code no: 18

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

## Use the spoken word to accurately express opinions and experiences in a social context

Date Commenced: / /

Date Awarded: / /

### Learning Targets – This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 1  | Leave a message on a telephone answering machine (minicom)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | Relay instructions and messages accurately   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | Explain to one other person how to perform a simple task, for example, boil an egg | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | Tell a joke, personal anecdote or story  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | Request information over the telephone (minicom)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | Make requests and seek clarification   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | Express a preference or point of view  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | Describe a personal experience or interest   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | Give constructive criticism  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Exchange opinions or views with one or more people                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Refer also to: All subjects. This statement can be accessed through sign language

Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



# Make-a-Book Statement

CC

Statement Code no: 50

Student:

Class:

At Junior Certificate level the student can:

## Plan, prepare and Make-a-Book for the Make-a-Book exhibition

Date Commenced:   /   /

Date Awarded:   /   /

### Learning Targets – This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 1  | Discuss and agree on the topic for the book   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | Describe what you will write about the topic*   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | Plan and list the tasks to be done on your own or as a member of a group                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | Decide what material and equipment you will need to make and display the book at the exhibition | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | Decide on what pictures, photographs, diagrams etc. you are going to use for the book           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | Complete the first draft  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | Discuss changes with teachers and/or other students   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | Decide and agree on the edits   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | Redraft   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Decide on a title for the book  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | Discuss the design of the book cover  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 | Design and make the cover of the book   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | Credit all authors  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 | Write your bibliography, if needed  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | State what you would do differently next time   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 | Reflect on the experience of taking part  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

\* It is optional to use a Junior Certificate School Programme Make-a-Book Writing Frame

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Work begun    | Work in progress    | Work completed



## Appendix 6 - JCSP Literacy Development Materials

### Keywords

- Keyword notebooks
- Keyword wall charts
- Keyword A4 folder inserts
- Keyword A4 wall magnets
- Keyword bookmarks
- Key Spelling Bookmarks.

### Reading Challenge

- Reading Challenge teacher guidelines
- Students book review 'Reading Challenge' booklet
- Reading Challenge student achievement certificate
- Reading Challenge bookmarks
- Reading Challenge wall poster
- Reading Challenge Student Folder

### Who Wants to be a Word Millionaire?

- Teacher guidelines, "Who Wants to Be a Word Millionaire?"
- Achievement certificates
- "Who Wants to Be a Word Millionaire?" wall charts
- Word Millionaire bookmarks
- Word Millionaire Student Folder

### Readalong

- Teacher Guidelines for Readalong
- Information on Audio books & Suppliers
- Student book review booklet
- Reading Project Achievement Certificate
- A variety of bookmarks
- Readalong Student Folder

### Paired Reading

- Paired Reading teacher guidelines
- Paired Reading tutor training video 'Everyone Reads'
- Paired Reading student achievement certificate
- Paired reading tutor achievement certificate
- A variety of bookmarks
- Paired reading Student Folder

Best Reads Posters

Reading development posters - A2, A3, A4

Range of Writing Frames posters

Readability Cards

Variety of Bookmarks

Variety of Postcards

Variety of Stickers

Letter Writing Student Book

### Between the Lines, Literacy at Junior Cycle: teacher resource book,

Aideen Cassidy and Bernadette Kiely.

### Time to Read



## Appendix 7 - Useful links

<http://www.jcspliteracy.ie>

<http://www.jcsp.ie>

<http://www.sdpi.ie/>

<http://www.basic-skills.co.uk>

<http://www.basic-skills-wales.org/bsastrategy/resources/Bridges%20for%20Lit.UK.pdf>

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk>

<http://www.booksforkeeps.co.uk>

<https://www.sraonline.com/>

<http://www.nfer-nelson.co.uk/glossary/glossary.asp?css=1>

<http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/WordSearchSetupForm.html>

<http://www.warwick.ac.uk/staff/D.J.Wray/>

Check out these web sites for more information on digital storytelling:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/tellinglives/>

<http://www.storycenter.org/principles.html>

<http://www.coe.uh.edu/digital-storytelling/gettingstarted.htm>

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.mspx/>

<http://electronicportfolios.com/digistory/>



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