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STEP Physical Literacy Programme

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Thank you for your e-mail of 9 November 2016 seeking a meeting with the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney MSP, to discuss the STEP Physical Literacy Programme.

Unfortunately Mr Swinney is unable to meet with you on this occasion.

Mr Swinney is keen for schools to provide quality physical education which offers children and young people the fundamental competences and skills necessary for lifelong participation in sport and physical activity. Physical education has a positive impact on a pupil's health, educational attainment and life chances. It encourages the development of both movement and thinking skills together and in doing so, contributes to, and reinforces learning across the curriculum. However it is for local authorities and schools to decide how to deliver the curriculum based on local needs and circumstances.

Mr Swinney wishes the STEP programme every success for its Scottish launch.

Yours sincerely,

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