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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Continued Eligibility of Reception Year in England

Effective School Year 2018-2019, the reception year became eligible for educational support through the Non-DoD Schools Program in a school following the National Curriculum in England. Based upon this waiver, a child may enter a school that follows the National Curriculum in England at the beginning of the school year in which s/he turns five years old.

After careful review, the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) agreed that the Non-DoD Schools Program will continue to follow the Department of State waiver to section 276.25b of the Department of State Standardized Regulations, thereby authorizing an education allowance for the reception year for qualifying children in England enrolled in a British school utilizing the National Curriculum in England.

The waiver will be reviewed annually, and will be in effect as long as the host country law requires formal education to commence on the day a child turns five years old and the child is not enrolled in an American-style kindergarten. As of June 2020, it has been determined that the host country law has not changed and thus the waiver will continue into the 2020-2021 school year.

This includes the stipulation that children who attend reception in a National Curriculum in England school, must also attend Year One in a National Curriculum of England school if the sponsor remains in the same duty station within England. The total cost of all eligible fees may not exceed the kindergarten education allowance rate for the sponsor's duty location. Costs that exceed the education allowance rate are the responsibility of the sponsor.

If you have any additional questions, please contact NDSP Management via e-mail at [NDSP.Management@dodea.edu](mailto:NDSP.Management@dodea.edu) or by telephone at DSN (312) 372-0591/ (571) 372-0591.

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