

PRIME MINISTER

THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

Brian's minute below is a comprehensive critique of the draft consultative paper on the National Curriculum. The proposals now being made are very much along the lines which Mr. Baker has produced several times for you.

He will I believe feel that despite your early reservations he had persuaded you in your series of meetings to accept his proposals, albeit reluctantly. You are bound I think to have another major confrontation with him.

Ideally this would take place outside a Cabinet Committee meeting. But there is no time for such a meeting on Monday and in any case it may take a Cabinet Committee to tie him down. I therefore suggest that this should be taken at a meeting of E(^{EP}~~EMP~~) this week. *I think I must talk to*

Agree?

Yes no Kenneth Jink. We cannot have this paper.

DW

David Norgrove

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