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Dear Mr Humphries

**Digital Curriculum**

I am writing to add the concerns of NATE to those of other publishers who have serious concerns about the current proposals for the BBC's Digital Curriculum.

Subject Associations such as NATE rely heavily on sales of materials to members and non-members and a reduction in this income stream will have a negative effect on their viability. The contribution made to recruitment, retention and professional development by the Subject Associations is considerable, and recognised as such by the Dept for Education and Skills.

Our anxieties were echoed by the other major Subject Associations at a recent meeting and although I realise the deadline for consultation has passed, I feel that is important to pass on in this brief letter the misgivings of a significant sector in the education world.

Yours sincerely

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