

E.2.1 Pre-school Education

Compliance of a further education plan with implementation of the school education programme and needs of the school was respected by 78% of the total number of 314 visited kindergartens.

Head teachers of kindergartens pay careful attention to the topic of health and safety and education towards health and a healthy life style. 98% of schools trained their employees to understand legal and other regulations in accordance with Section 103 (2) of the Labour Code. Teachers of more than 90% of kindergartens have been trained in providing first aid under Section 102 (6) of the Labour Code and 75% of schools have available a trained health assistant for emergency situations. The overall concept and organisation of further education aimed at education towards health ranks among the principal areas of pre-school education. CSI evaluated 28% of school as excellent, 57% of schools as standard and 15% of schools were evaluated as sub-standard.

Almost half of the monitored kindergartens offer children foreign language instruction. Although there are not enough qualified teachers or external trainers at this level of education only less than 6% of full-time teachers decided to extend their knowledge of foreign languages.

E.2.2 Basic Education

Out of the total number of 546 visited basic schools 93% of schools had developed their plans for the further education of pedagogical staff. Of this number the plan of further education corresponded to the needs of the school and the content of the school education plan in 92% of schools.

The Czech School Inspectorate evaluated plans of further education as being excellent in 23% of schools, in 69% of schools plans had a standard level and sub-standard plans were identified in 8% of schools. In the school year reviewed the content of further education was oriented towards key competences in basic schools and it was mainly mathematical and reading literacy which was paid attention to (see Diagram 11). This only confirms previous CSI findings that schools appropriately react to the results of international surveys (such as the PISA survey¹²).

Basic schools similarly to kindergartens pay attention to health and safety in schools. 99% of the visited schools trained their employees in legal and other regulations under Section 103 (2) of the Labour Code. Teachers of 95% of schools have been trained in providing first aid pursuant to Section 102 (6) of the Labour Code and 78% had at their disposal a health assistant trained for emergency situations. The overall concept and organisation of further education aimed at education towards health, which ranks, at the primary level of basic schools, among the priority areas, was evaluated by CSI as excellent in 29% of school, 65% of schools had a standard level in this area while 6% of schools were assessed as sub-standard.

¹² For more information see:

Reading literacy as a basis of quality education (Report on a Specific Topic), CSI, Prague, March 2008.
Mathematical literacy not only for mathematics (Report on a Specific Topic), CSI, Prague, June 2008.