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In 1960 the British Council organised a successful course for the study of primary education in England and Wales. The course aroused great interest and it has been decided to repeat the subject in 1962.

The 1962 course is designed to show primary education in practice both in rural and in urban areas as well as in new towns and to provide lectures and discussions on the principles and ideas which guide the practice. At least as much attention will be paid to the problems of education in country schools as in town schools. Visits will be made to various types of schools while they are in session, and the areas and schools visited will be different from those visited in the 1960 course. There will be opportunities for discussion with teachers and for seeing the children at work. Some attention will also be given to the training of teachers.

Primary education in England and Wales is the first of the three stages in the national system of primary, secondary and further education. It is concerned with the compulsory schooling of children from five to eleven years of age in infant and junior schools, and with the optional education of those between two and five in nursery schools and classes.

The separate infant schools, with over a hundred years of history behind them, have led the way in many ideas and practices which have proved of the greatest value in education as a whole. The separate junior schools have had, by comparison, a short life, but many have already demonstrated how important is the contribution they have to make.

Over the last fifteen years or so developments in all parts of primary education have quickened, resulting in changes in what is taught and in how it is taught, and more fundamentally, in some of

the principles by which practice is guided. School building and equipment, books and materials used in schools have developed in line with the educational changes. Primary education can now show high achievements by the children and much promise on many sides, and is in a particularly interesting phase of progress.

The 1962 course will be held at Uplands, Four Ashes, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. This is a completely modernised country house, with a new wing, and with separate bed-sitting rooms each with hot and cold water. The house is equipped with every amenity for comfortable living. It is situated in a typical English countryside. Windsor and the Thames Valley, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, the Cotswold villages and London are accessible by coach and visits will be arranged during the course to these places, including attendance at a performance at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford. Chequers, the official country residence of the Prime Minister, Jordans, the famous centre of the Society of Friends, and the poet Milton's cottage are among the historic buildings in the neighbourhood.

The Director of the course will be Mrs. E. C. Mee, C.B.E., M.A., formerly one of Her Majesty's Inspectors and Chief Inspector for Primary Education at the Ministry of Education. Other lecturers and tutors will be those who have special responsibilities in primary education or who have made an important study of some aspect of it.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS** The course is designed for Teachers, Heads of Schools, Members of Training College Staffs, Inspectors and those concerned with the administration of Primary Education.

**NUMBERS** There are vacancies for thirty members.

**ACCOMMODATION** Members of the course will be accommodated at Uplands, Four Ashes, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

**FEE** £50

## General Information

**PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH** *Members of the course must be proficient in English. They should be able to follow and take part in English conversation conducted at the normal rate. This is essential if they are to derive the maximum benefit from attendance.*

**APPLICATIONS** These should be made to the Representative, The British Council, or other institution, at the address given below. Applicants resident in the United Kingdom should apply to the Director, Courses Department, The British Council, 65 Davies Street, London, W1. Telephone number GROSVENOR 8011.

**REGISTRATION FEE** A Registration Fee of £5 is payable by every candidate on acceptance. The fee should reach Courses Department, London, not later than one month from the date of notification of acceptance. The Registration Fee will be considered as part of the Course Fee, the balance of which will be payable on the candidate's arrival at the course centre. No place can be held for more than one month unless the Registration Fee is received. A candidate who withdraws from a course for any reason whatsoever forfeits his or her Registration Fee.

**TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM** Members must make their own travel arrangements to and from the course centre. Return reservations should be made, if possible, before members leave their own country as it may be difficult to secure them while in Britain.

**ACCOMMODATION** No provision is made for accommodation before or after the course. Those requiring such accommodation should book through a travel agent. In the event of real difficulty, the British Council may be able to assist if application is made in writing at least three weeks beforehand. Any such application must be accompanied by a deposit of £1 for each night's accommodation required. In any event no guarantee can be given that accommodation will be available.

**JOINING INSTRUCTIONS** These will be issued by Courses Department, through Representatives, giving directions for reaching the course centre, including postal address and telephone number of the centre and latest time of arrival.

**CANCELLATION OF COURSES** The British Council reserves the right to cancel any course, without notice and without indemnity, subject to the return of any Registration or Enrolment Fee already paid.

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Caixa Postal 2237,  
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