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Usually schools, working in remote areas, do not fully comply with government regulations. However, if the rules are enforced strictly, it would lead to most schools closing down. How should an administrator strike a balance between enforcement of rules and educational rights of children?

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Answer Hint

Rule enforcement, right to education, proportionality, public interest, vulnerable children, regulatory flexibility, compliance roadmap, minimum standards

Model Answer

Introduction

The administrator faces a conflict between regulatory compliance and the immediate educational interests of children. A rigid approach may unintentionally defeat the purpose of regulation.

1. Ethical Principle

Rules exist to protect educational quality and children, not merely to punish institutions. Therefore, enforcement should be lawful, proportionate and oriented towards outcomes.

2. Immediate Assessment

The administrator should identify which violations threaten safety or children's rights and which are infrastructural or procedural deficiencies that can be progressively corrected.

3. Balanced Strategy

Essential safety and child-protection standards must be enforced immediately. For non-critical deficiencies, the administration can provide a time-bound compliance roadmap, technical support and phased improvements.

4. Accountability

Regular inspections, community participation and transparent monitoring should ensure that temporary flexibility does not become permanent regulatory neglect.

Conclusion

The administrator should adopt “strictness with critical standards and flexibility with correctable deficiencies”, ensuring that regulation strengthens rather than disrupts children's right to education.

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