



Circular letter 10/00

Department of Education & Science Primary Branch

To: Boards of Management, Principal Teachers and all Teaching Staff in National Schools

Staffing Arrangements for National Schools for School Year 2000/2001

1. Introduction

This Circular outlines the regulations governing the appointment and retention of teachers in National Schools for the 2000/2001 school year.

2. Staffing in the 2000/2001 school year

- 2.1 Save as specified in paragraph 2.3 below, in the 2000/2001 school year, the number of mainstream class teachers appropriate to a school shall be determined solely by reference to the school's valid enrolment on the 30th of September, 1999.
- 2.2 Only pupils who were **validly** enrolled on 30 September 1999 may be taken into account for the purpose of determining staff numbers. (The enrolment of pupils covered by the terms of Rules 65 (4), 65 (5) and 88 (7) of the Rules for National Schools cannot be regarded as valid enrolment for this purpose.)
- 2.3 Schools designated as disadvantaged will continue to operate under a maximum class size guideline of 29. Such schools which, based on their 30th September, 2000 enrolments, are unable to organise classes in compliance with this guideline may apply for an additional post(s) before 1st November, 2000.
- 2.4 The schedule of enrolment of pupils required for the appointment and retention of mainstream class teachers for the 2000 /2001 school year is attached.

3. Panel Arrangements

- 3.1 It is expected that the names of teachers eligible for re-deployment will be available from the Diocesan Offices (in the case of Catholic and Church of

Ireland Schools) or from Educate Together (in the case of affiliated Multi-denominational Schools) with effect from **29th May 2000**.

- 3.2 A Board of Management seeking to fill a permanent vacancy is obliged to offer the post in the first instance to teachers on the panel. Boards should endeavour to have such vacancies filled from the Panels **by the 30th June, 2000**. Details of the manner in which teachers may be appointed from the panels are contained in the booklet "Appointment of Principals and Permanent Teachers".
- 3.3 Boards of Management, which are unable to fill vacancies from the panel, may only proceed to fill vacancies by open competition following approval from the Department.

4. Appointment of the 1st Mainstream Teacher in new schools

- 4.1 The enrolment required for the appointment of the 1st mainstream class teacher in new schools is being reduced from 25 pupils to 20 for the 2000/2001 school year.

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Schedule of Enrolment of Pupils Governing the Appointment and Retention of Mainstream Class Teachers in National Schools for the 2000/2001 school year

(The figures required for these purposes are the figures of enrolments on 30th September of the preceding school year)

Mainstream Class Teacher	Appointment Figure	Retention Figure
1	12	12
2	56	51
3	88	83
4	120	120
5	150	150
6	180	180
7	205	205
8	210	210
9	240	240
10	270	270
11	300	300
12	330	330

13	360	360
14	390	390
15	420	420
16	450	450
17	480	480
18	510	510
19	540	540
20	570	570
21	600	600
22	630	630
23	660	660
24	690	690
25	720	720
26	750	750
27	780	780
28	810	810
29	840	840
30	870	870

For the 31st assistant and upward add an additional 30 units of enrolment.

Schedule of Enrolment of Pupils Governing the Appointment and Retention of Mainstream Class Teachers in Gaelscoileanna for the 2000/2001 school year
(The figures required for these purposes are the figures of enrolments on 30th September of the preceding school year)

Mainstream Class Teacher	Appointment Figure	Retention Figure
1	12	12
2	56	51
3	77	76
4	98	96
5	125	122
6	158	155
7	186	186
8	210	210

9	237	229
10	263	257
11	295	290
12	327	322
13	360	354
14	390	385
15	420	416
16	450	447
17	480	478
18	510	509
19	540	540
20	570	570
21	600	600
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