

Developing Schools or Schools which have Rapidly Expanding Enrolments 2018/19 School Year

It is acknowledged that there are circumstances which may arise in schools, which fall outside the appeals process put in place by the NCSE to support the new special education teaching model.

These include circumstances where the school profile significantly changes following the allocation process e.g. a developing school where the net enrolment numbers significantly increase year on year.

The criteria for qualification for mainstream school developing school posts for the 2018/19 school year are set out in DES Circular 10/2018 (Primary School Staffing Schedule) and DES 07, 08, 09 /2018 (Post Primary School Staffing Schedule).

Schools who qualify for additional mainstream developing school posts in accordance with these criteria will also qualify for additional Special Education Teaching Allocations to take account of this developing status, as follows:

- (i) **an additional 3 hours of SEN teaching support will be provided for schools which have one developing post, or for a schools first developing post where they have more than one developing post**
- (ii) **and 5 hours per each post thereafter, for each school which has two or more developing posts**

Retained Allocations

For some schools, the profiled allocation for their school under the new Special Education model was less than the allocation the school received in the 2016/17 school year. Those schools were allowed to retain the balance of this allocation. Where this occurred, schools will have seen this part of their allocation under the heading 'Retained Allocation' in their allocation letter.

Where a school has a retained allocation, **any additional allocation they receive on the basis of qualification for developing posts will be a net allocation, less any retained element of their existing school profile allocation**

Allocation Timeframe

The allocation of the additional hours will be made, effective from 1st September, once the enrolments have been confirmed as at 30th September, 2018.