

Department of Education Circulars

Please note that DE Circulars apply directly to schools, but provide advice on good practice relevant to all organisations.

1. [Circular 2007/01 Acceptable Use of the Internet and Digital Technologies in Schools](#)
2. [Circular 2006/09 Child Protection: Criminal Background Checking of Staff in Schools – Programme to Extend Coverage](#)
3. [Circular 2006/09 Child Protection: Criminal Background Checking of Staff in Schools – Appendix A](#)
4. [Circular 2006/07 Child Protection: Employment of Substitute Teachers](#)
5. [Circular 2008/03 Child Protection: Pre-employment Checking of Persons To Work in Schools – New Arrangements](#)
6. [Circular 2020/07 - Child Protection: Record Keeping in Schools](#)
7. [Circular 2006/06 Child Protection: Recruitment of People to Work With Children and Young People in Educational Settings](#)
8. [Circular 2006/06 Child Protection: Recruitment of People to Work With Children and Young People in Educational Settings – Appendix A](#)
9. [Circular 2006/06 Child Protection: Recruitment of People to Work With Children and Young People in Educational Settings – Form DOR O2](#)
10. [Circular 2006/08 Child Protection: Training Requirement for School Governors on Staff Recruitment and Selection Panels](#)
11. [Circular 2006/25 Child Protection: Vetting of School Governors](#)
12. [Circular 2022/02 - Children Who Display Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)
13. [Circular 2016/11 Class Sizes In Post-Primary Schools – Practical Subjects \(as well as other subjects that include a practical activity\)](#)
14. [Circular 2015/13 Dealing With Allegations of Abuse Against A Member of Staff](#)
15. [Circular 2015/23 Drugs Guidance](#)
16. [Circular 2014/24 Education Otherwise Than At School \(EOTAS\) Guidance](#)
17. [Circular 2016/26 Effective Educational Uses of Mobile Digital Devices](#)

18. [Circular 2008/10 Employment of Substitute Teachers – NI Substitute Teachers Register \(NISTR\)](#)
19. [Circular 2010/18 Every School A Good School – The Governors’ role](#)
20. [Circular 2013/25 e-Safety Guidance](#)
21. [Circular 2010/01 Guidance on Relationships and Sexuality Education](#)
22. [Circular 2020/05 Guidance for schools on supporting remote learning to provide educational continuity](#)
23. [Circular 2011/22 Internet Safety](#)
24. [Circular 2014/27 - Managing information on persons who pose a risk to pupils](#)
25. [Circular 2016/27 Online Safety](#)
26. [Circular 2014/14 Pupil Participation](#)
27. [Circular 2015/22 Relationship and Sexuality Education \(RSE\) Guidance](#)
28. [Circular 2013/16 Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy In Schools](#)
29. [Circular 2017/04 - Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools - A Guide for Schools](#)
30. [Circular 2018/07 - Self- Assessment Audit Tool for Schools](#)
31. [Circular 2010/22 - School development planning - Regulations and guidance](#)
32. [DE Guidance - School Development Planning 2020/21 – COVID 19](#)
33. [Circular 2020/08 Amended draft Attendance Guidance and Absence Recording by schools](#)
34. [Circular 2021/12 - Addressing Bullying in Schools Act \(NI\) 2016: Responsibilities of Schools and Boards of Governors](#)
35. [DE Circular 2021/13 - Restraint and Seclusion](#)
36. [DE Circular 2021/04 - Suspensions and Expulsions Arrangements for pupils in grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland](#)
37. [Circular 2023/02 - Parental Responsibility: Updated Guidance for Schools](#)
38. [Child Protection Policy & Adults at Risk of Harm Policy Guidance \(EA\)](#)
39. [DE Circular 2023/07 - Engagement of Unqualified Teachers in Grant-aided Schools](#)

40. [DE Circular 2023/06 - Reconstitution of School Boards of Governors for Controlled and Maintained Schools - Term of Office](#)
41. [Circular 2023/03 - Revised Personal Education Plan Guidance for Children Looked After \(primary schools\)](#)
42. [Circular 2024/15 - Concussion](#)
43. [Circular 2015/19 - Notification of pupil suspension to the Education Authority](#)
44. [Circular 2024/13 - Attendance Guidance & Absence Recording By Schools](#)
45. [Circular 2024/01 - Guidance on Amendments to the Relationship and Sexuality Education](#)
46. [DE Circular 2024/10 Pre-Employment/Access NI Check Requirements and Safer Recruitment Practices for Staff and Volunteers Working in or Providing a Service for Schools/Educational Settings](#)
47. [DE Circular 2024/14 Guidance for Schools on Pupil's Personal use of Mobile Phones and other Similar Devices](#)