INTO DIRECTIVE – ISSUED 23 DECEMBER 2016

TO ALL MEMBERS

INTO members are directed from 6 January 2017 until further notice, to withdraw co-operation from the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI). Members are instructed as follows:-

In the event of an inspection being notified to your school:

- Inform the school principal of INTO directive on non-co-operation with ETI.
- Inform INTO Northern Office immediately.

Members are directed NOT to:

- hand over any documentation to the ETI, e.g. school development and class planners, schemes, action plans, policies, pupils’ books, assessments, data, etc;
- discuss any issues relating to the school/teachers/pupils/areas of responsibility or education in general;
- teach in front of ETI;
- complete teacher questionnaires;
- distribute parent questionnaires;

If an inspector enters your classroom you should:

- Treat the inspector in a professional and courteous manner;
- You will cease to teach, but will continue to supervise the children as normal;
- Inform the inspector that you are an INTO member and in line with INTO industrial action you have withdrawn your co-operation with the ETI;

Below is a statement that should be presented to any visiting inspector:

“I am a member of the INTO, and following a ballot for legitimate industrial action, I have been instructed by my Union that I am not to co-operate with ETI at present. I have been directed to cease teaching in your presence; however, I will continue to supervise the children as normal”

INTO PRINCIPALS

Inform ETI that you and INTO members within your school will not be co-operating with the inspections. Do not participate in any meeting prior to or during the inspection with members of ETI. If you require any advice or support in relation to this action please contact Northern Office and we can put you in touch with another INTO principal.
NON–INTO Principals
All principals, who are not in INTO and therefore unable to take part in this industrial action are asked to observe trade union protocols and not to do anything to undermine the actions of teachers on legitimate industrial action, i.e. not to pass on data, plans, schemes, pupils books, etc. relating to teachers taking industrial action.

INTO wishes to assure all members that if and when this industrial action ends INTO will give appropriate notice to members to enable them to prepare for postponed inspections.