



Information Note

TEMPORARY TEACHER ALLOCATION (COVID-19 SUPPORT MEASURES) FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR

Arrangements for the 2021/22 school year in relation to Principal Release Time Posts and Teacher Supply Panels, announced under the Roadmap for the Full Return to School and Circular 45/2020, “COVID-19 Operational Supports for the Full Return to School”, are set out below.

1. COVID-19 support measures - Principal Release Time Posts

Circulars 0019/2020 and 0045/2020 set out the current allocation of principal release days for schools with teaching principals.

In the context of COVID-19, the temporary additional allocation provided for in the Roadmap for the Full Return to School and Circular 45/2020, “COVID-19 Operational Supports for the Full Return to School”, will remain in place for the 2021/22 school year and each school with a teaching principal will have 37 Principal Release Days.

The Principal Release Day Clusters in place for the 2020/21 school year will remain in place for the 2021/22 school year.

Schools are reminded that Principal Release Time Posts are fixed-term posts and may not be filled until the Department advises that these posts are not required for teachers on the Main Panel.

2. COVID-19 support measures - Teacher Supply Panels

Details in relation to the operation of Teacher Supply Panels for the 2021/22 schools year will be notified to schools in the new term.

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