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BULLETIN 5

Important Information for Members

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Non-Cooperation with ETI directive remains in place

Members shall continue 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 or distribute parent questionnaires.

If an inspector enters your classroom you should Treat the inspector in a professional and courteous manner but cease to teach (*You must continue to supervise the children as normal*) and inform the inspector that...

"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 cooperate 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 the other INTO members within your school will not be cooperating with the inspections. Do not participate in any meeting prior to or during the inspection with members of ETI and do not hand over any documentation to the ETI, e.g. school development and class planners, schemes, action plans, policies, pupils' books, assessments, data, etc. If you require any advice or support in relation to this action please contact Northern Office.

Non-INTO Principals

All principals are asked to observe trade union protocols and not to do anything to undermine the actions of their INTO teachers on legitimate industrial action, i.e. not to pass on data, plans, schemes, pupils' books, etc. relating to teachers taking industrial action.

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

In the event of an inspection being notified to your school, provide the school principal with a copy of this INTO directive on non-cooperation with ETI and inform INTO Northern Office immediately.

Driving Minibus – Advice for Members

Subsequent to Department of Infrastructure clarification in relation to teachers driving minibuses, the key piece of legislation in regard to this is the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland 1996). This requires anyone who drives a minibus on anything other than a voluntary basis to have a full D1 licence. Previous advice from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) was that a teacher could drive a minibus on their car driving licence. However, in line with current DfI advice, anyone driving as a consequence of their employment, such as a teacher, cannot be regarded as a volunteer. This means they must have a full D1 licence (obtained by test).

DfI has pointed out that teachers driving a minibus without the appropriate licence could invalidate any insurance cover with potential significant liabilities for the teacher and the school in the event of an accident.

Therefore INTO is advising all its members to strictly adhere to the above advice and do not drive the school minibus.

Members affected by this should seek further advice from Northern Office.

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