



Circular Letter 0042/2022

To: The Managerial Authorities of Recognised Primary Schools

**Building Momentum - A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2022
Implementation of Sectoral Bargaining Fund in the Primary Sector**

Background

1. The Minister for Education wishes to inform Managerial Authorities and Primary Teachers of the final application of adjustments from the Sectoral Bargaining Fund.
2. Building Momentum – A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2022 provided for the equivalent of a 1% increase in annualised basic salaries to be used as a Sectoral Bargaining Fund or a general pay round increase effective from 1 February 2022.
3. The INTO has opted to use the Sectoral Bargaining Fund to settle a number of outstanding claims or awards within the terms of the Fund and within the Exchequer funding limit in place.
4. [Circular 0017/2022](#), issued in March 2022, set out the agreed outcomes with the INTO in relation to the majority of the claims which were being settled under the Sectoral Bargaining process for the primary sector.
5. This circular sets out the final adjustment for the remaining balance of the Sectoral Bargaining Fund for the primary sector.

Final changes to be implemented under the Sectoral Bargaining Fund

6. The remaining fund will be used to increase posts of responsibility (POR) in primary and special schools by 1,450 posts.
7. The distribution of these additional posts of responsibility are comprehended in [Circular 0043/2022](#) - Allocation of Assistant Principal Posts 2022/2023 which issued 22nd June 2022.
8. Appointments to posts of responsibilities are made in accordance with Chapter 3 of [Circular 0044/2019](#).
9. This circular concludes the Sectoral Bargaining process under Building Momentum for the primary sector.

Circulation and Queries

- (i) Please ensure that copies of this Circular are provided to all members of the Board of Management/ Education and Training Board and its contents are brought to the attention of all teachers in your employment including those on leave of absence.
- (ii) This Circular can be accessed on the Department's website under <https://www.gov.ie/en/circulars/>
- (iii) Enquiries regarding this Circular should be e-mailed to: External Staff Relations: esr@education.gov.ie
- (iv) Any queries in relation to the revised POR schedule should be raised with the Allocations Section of the Department: primaryallocations@education.gov.ie

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