

Subject:

**RECONSTITUTION OF SCHOOL BOARDS OF
GOVERNORS FOR CONTROLLED AND MAINTAINED
SCHOOLS – TERM OF OFFICE**

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- Transferor Representatives' Council;
- Catholic Schools' Trustee Service;
- Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta;
- NI Council for Integrated Education;
- Governing Bodies Association N.I.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular explains a change to the reconstitution date for controlled and maintained School Boards of Governors.

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1. This Circular explains a change to the reconstitution date of some School Boards of Governors.
2. School Boards of Governors are usually reconstituted every four years, when members complete their term of office and may be replaced.
3. The Department would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere thanks to all school governors for their hard work, commitment and dedication. Their contribution to the management of the school and ensuring effective learning outcomes for pupils is greatly appreciated.
4. The most recent reconstitution period for Boards of Governors of controlled and maintained schools was expected to have run to 2023. This was previously rescheduled from 2022 as a consequence of the pressures and disruption placed on schools and managing authorities by the Covid-19 pandemic.
5. The Department is aware of the administrative impact that a reconstitution will have on schools and in light of the current industrial action, the next reconstitution for controlled and maintained schools has been rescheduled to launch in December 2023 with a reconstitution date of June 2024.
6. Boards of Governors are asked to note that the current reconstitution period will therefore be 2018 to 2024 and are reminded that Schemes of Management permit governors to remain in post until either re-nominated or replaced.