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**Every School a Good School: The way
Forward for Special Educational Needs (SEN)
and Inclusion – Summary Report**

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Target Audience:

- Teachers
- Principals and Boards of Governors of all schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education;
- Association of Governing Bodies of Grammar Schools;
- Council for the Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta;
- Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment; and
- Teachers' Unions.

Summary of Contents:

The circular gives notice of the publication of the Summary Report of responses to the consultation on Every School a Good School: The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs & Inclusion.

Enquiries:

Any enquiries about the contents of this circular should be addressed to:

Governor Awareness:
Essential

Status of Contents:
Information for schools

Related Documents:
None

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None

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Every School A Good School: The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Inclusion – Public Consultation

1. This Circular is to advise schools and educational organisations of the publication of the Summary Report of Responses to the Consultation on Every School a Good School: The Way Forward for SEN and Inclusion and the associated Equality Impact Assessment.
2. The Consultation, which ran from August 2009 to January 2010, received 2902 responses from a broad cross section of parents, groups and organisations including schools from all sectors.
3. The Summary Report also contains a foreword from the Minister for Education, setting out his proposed direction of travel in taking forward the final policy development phase.
4. The Department is presently organising a series of reference group meetings to which school, parent and voluntary sector representatives will be invited. The purpose of these reference groups will be to examine how the policy proposals can best be taken forward.
5. The Summary Report and its associated Appendices on Every School a Good School: The Way Forward for SEN and Inclusion can be viewed and downloaded from the Department's website www.deni.gov.uk. Hard copies are available for individuals who do not have access to the internet.
6. A public notice advising of the availability of the report will be placed in the press. In order, however, to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of the report, we would be grateful if you could include the following paragraphs in your next communication with parents.

Every School a Good School: The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Inclusion

The Department of Education has asked me to inform parents that the Education Minister, John O'Dowd, has published the Summary Report of Responses to the formal consultation on the Review of Special Educational Needs and Inclusion. This Report provides a factual summary and analysis of the responses to the high level policy proposals contained in the consultation document 'Every School a Good School: The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Inclusion' and the associated Equality Impact Assessment. The Minister's foreword provides an indication of the way the proposals may be taken forward.

Copies of the consultation Summary Report and its associated Appendices can be viewed and downloaded from the Department's website at

http://www.deni.gov.uk/index/7-special_educational_needs_pg/review_of_special_educational_needs_and_inclusion.htm

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Uimhir an Chiorcláin: 2012/04

**Gach Scoil ina Scoil Mhaith: An Bealach chun
Tosaigh do Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais
(RSO) agus Chuimsiú – Tuairisc Achomair.**

Dáta Eisiúna: 1 Feabhra 2012

Spriocléitheoirí:

- Múinteoirí
- Príomhoidí agus Boird Ghobharnóirí i ngach scoil;
- Boird Oideachais agus Leabharlann;
- Comhairle na Scoileanna Caitliceacha faoi Chothabháil;
- Comhairle Thuaisceart Éireann um Oideachas Comhtháite;
- Cumann Bhoird Rialaithe na Scoileanna Gramadaí
- Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta
- An Chomhairle Curaclaim, Scrúdúcháin agus Measúnaithe; agus
- Ceardchumann na Múinteoirí.

Achoimre:

Tugann an ciorclán seo le fios gur foilsíodh an Tuairisc Achomair d'fhreagairtí ar an chomhairliúchán faoi Gach Scoil ina Scoil Mhaith: An Bealach chun Tosaigh do Shainriachtanais Oideachais agus Chuimsiú.

Fiosrúcháin:

Feasacht Gobharnóirí:
Riachtanach

Stádas an Ábhair:
Eolas do scoileanna

Cáipéisí Gaolmhara:
Ní hann dó

Cáipéisí Dímholta:
Ní hann dó

Dáta Éaga:
N/B

Láithreán Gréasáin na RO:
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1. Tugann an ciorclán seo le fios do scoileanna agus d'eagraíochtaí oideachais gur foilsíodh an Tuairisc Achomair d'fhreagairtí ar an Chomhairliúchán faoi Gach Scoil ina Scoil Mhaith: An Bealach Chun Tosaigh do Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais (SRO) agus Chuimsiú' agus an Measúnacht Tionchair Chomhionannais a bhaineann leis.
2. Bhí an tréimhse comhairliúcháin ar siúl idir Lúnasa 2009 agus Eanáir 2010 agus fuarthas 2902 freagairt ó réimse leathan tuismitheoirí, grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí lena n-áirítear scoileanna ó gach earnáil.
3. Mar pháirt den Tuairisc Achomair, tá réamhrá ón Aire Oideachais agus leagann sé amach treo a mheasann sé a bheadh fóirsteanach leis an chéim dheiridh d'fhorbairt beartais a thabhairt chun cinn.
4. I láthair na huaire tá an Roinn ag eagrú sraith cruinnithe de ghrúpaí tagartha agus tabharfar cuireadh do scoileanna, do thuismitheoirí agus d'ionadaithe na hearnála deonaí. Beidh sé mar aidhm ag na grúpaí tagartha sin scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an dóigh is fearr leis na tograí a thabhairt chun cinn.
5. Is féidir an Tuairisc Achomair agus a hAguisíní gaolmhara ar Gach Scoil ina Scoil Mhaith: An Bealach Chun Tosaigh do RSO agus Chuimsiú a fheiceáil agus a íoslódáil ó láithreán Gréasáin na Roinne www.deni.gov.uk. Tá cóipeanna crua ar fáil do dhaoine aonair nach bhfuil rochtain acu ar an idirlíon.
6. Beidh fógra poiblí ag tabhairt le fios go bhfuil an tuairisc ar fáil le feiceáil sna meáin chlóite. Lena chinntiú go mbeidh an oiread

tuismitheoirí agus is féidir ar an eolas faoin tuairisc, bheimis buíoch dá dtiocfadh leat na paragraif seo a leanas a chur san áireamh sa chéad chumarsáid eile a dhéanfaidh tú le tuismitheoirí.

Gach Scoil ina Scoil Mhaith: An Bealach chun Tosaigh do Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais (RSO) agus Chuimsiú.

D'iarr an Roinn Oideachais orm a chur in iúl do thuismitheoirí go bhfuil an Tuairisc Achomair d'Fhreagairtí ar an chomhairliúchán fhoirmiúil faoin Athbhreithniú ar Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais agus Chuimsiú foilsithe ag an Aire Oideachais, John O'Dowd. Soláthraíonn an Tuairisc seo achoimre fhíorasach agus anailís ar na freagairtí ar na tograí beartais ardleibhéil atá istigh sa doiciméad comhairliúcháin 'Gach Scoil ina Scoil Mhaith: An Bealach Chun Tosaigh do Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais (SRO) agus Chuimsiú' agus an Measúnacht Tionchair Chomhionannais a bhaineann leis. Lena chois sin, cuireann réamhrá an Aire in iúl an dóigh a bhféadfaí na tograí a thabhairt chun cinn.

Is féidir cóipeanna de Thuairisc Achomair an chomhairliúcháin agus a hAguisíní gaolmhara a fheiceáil agus a íoslódáil ó láithreán gréasáin na Roinne ag

http://www.deni.gov.uk/index/7-special_educational_needs_pg/review_of_special_educational_needs_and_inclusion.htm

Tá cóipeanna clóite ar fáil do dhaoine aonair nach bhfuil rochtain acu ar an idirlíon. Is féidir iad a fháil ach teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an Roinn Oideachais:

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