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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Governing Bodies Association;
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education; and
- Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular advises schools of the commencement of Article 34 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 in relation to the education of suspended pupils. The Article will commence on 16 December and places a statutory requirement on Boards of Governors to arrange for the provision of suitable education for registered pupils of the school when they are suspended.

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EDUCATION OF SUSPENDED PUPILS

1. This Circular advises schools of a new statutory requirement on Boards of Governors to arrange for the provision of suitable education for registered pupils of the school when they are suspended.
2. The changes follow the commencement of Article 34 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 in relation to the education of suspended pupils. The Article will commence on 16 December 2011. The Article makes minor amendments to provisions in the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 relating to the duty on Education and Library Boards (ELBs) to make arrangements for the provision of suitable education when pupils are ill, suspended or expelled.
3. The Department recognises that it is already common practice for schools to provide education to suspended pupils; however the purpose of this circular is to advise schools that this is now a statutory requirement and all suspended pupils must be provided with education regardless of the length of suspension or reason for the sanction.