

Subject:**The Education Reform (1989 Order)
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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools;
- Institutes of Further Education;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular is to advise you that on 2 July 1990, the Department made this Order to bring into operation certain curriculum provisions of the Education Reform (NI) Order 1989 (the "1989 Order").

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1. On 2 July 1990 the Department made the above Order to bring into operation certain curriculum provisions of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (the “1989 Order”).
2. The following provisions of the 1989 Order will come into operation on 1 August 1990:-

Article 5(1)(b) and (4)	-	This relates to the curriculum requirements for pupils of compulsory school age, and in particular, the need for the teaching content of each listed contributory subject to be consistent with the programmes of study and attainment targets specified for that subject.
Article 11 (1)(b)	-	This relates to the duty placed on Boards of Governors and school principals to ensure that the listed contributory subjects are taught as required by a school’s curriculum for the year.
3. Article 6(1) and (2) of Schedule 2 to the 1989 Order insofar as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects of English, Mathematics and Science will come into operation on :-
 - a. 1 August 1990 for pupils in the first year of key stages 1, 2 and 3;
 - b. 1 August 1991 for pupils in the second year of key stages 1, 2 and 3;
 - c. 1 August 1992 for pupils in the third year of key stages 1, 2 and 3;
 - d. 1 August 1993 for pupils in the fourth year of key stage 1 and the first year of key stage 4; and
 - e. 1 August 1994 for pupils in the second year of key stage 4.
4. Article 6(1) and (2) of and Schedule 2 to the 1989 Order insofar as they relate to the compulsory contributory subject of Irish (in Irish speaking schools only) will come into operation on:-
 - a. 1 August 1990 for pupils in the first year of key stages 1 and 2;
 - b. 1 August 1991 for pupils in the second year of key stages 1 and 2;
 - c. 1 August 1992 for pupils in the third year of key stages 1 and 2; and
 - d. 1 August 1993 for pupils in the fourth year of key stage 1.
5. Copies of the commencement order may be obtained from The Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GD.

6. Further commencement orders will be made to bring into operation the remaining provisions of the 1989 Order and information about them will be issued in the form of further Circulars in due course.

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