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To: Primary Principals

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Dear Principal

This letter provides an update on the development of the Pupil Profile and impending changes to statutory assessment as a result of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

### **IMPACT OF EDUCATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006 ON KEY STAGE 1 AND 2 ASSESSMENT**

The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 revokes previous legislation in relation to the curriculum and assessment arrangements. The result of this is that previous curriculum and assessment arrangements, including the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 teacher assessment and moderation, are not statutory in 2006-7. This will allow all schools that wish to do so to discontinue teaching towards end of Key Stage 1 and 2 assessments from now on and to make the transition to the revised curriculum on a phased basis.

To facilitate those schools that may wish to continue with Key Stage 1 and 2 teacher assessment for their own reasons, the Department has agreed that CCEA may continue to make the assessment units and moderation available on a voluntary basis in 2006/7 and 2007/8, depending on the extent of demand for this service. CCEA will be in touch with schools in the very near future to ascertain the levels of demand for this service.

### **PROGRESS WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUPIL PROFILE**

You will be aware that the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 includes provision to replace the annual end of year school report with a cumulative Pupil Profile. The main focus of CCEA development work to date has been to ensure that the format and report-writing software to support the Primary Pupil Profile is ready for use in 2007-8 in relation to Year 5 pupils, who will be the first cohort of pupils to leave primary school in 2010 with a Pupil Profile.



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Updated exemplars and information leaflets on the Primary Pupil Profile have been placed on the CCEA web-site ([www.ccea.org.uk](http://www.ccea.org.uk)) and the interim evaluation report from the BDO Stoy Hayward evaluation team will be placed on the web-site by the end of September 2006. The Department will keep schools informed of all developments at the earliest opportunity.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lorraine Finlay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'L'.

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