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

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 Gaelscolaichta; and
- Teachers' Unions.

Summary of Contents:

The circular gives notice of the consultation arrangements for the proposals emerging from the Review of SEN & 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

Superseded Documents:
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 consultation arrangements for the policy proposals which have emerged from the Review of SEN and Inclusion.
2. The Review, which began in April 2006, has made recommendations which aim to put in place a robust and accountable support framework which will identify and support the needs of all children who face barriers to learning.
3. The Review structure was designed to ensure that key stakeholders were actively involved in the development process. This formal consultation stage is designed to allow everyone involved to contribute to the shaping of the final policy.
4. A consultation pack containing the consultation document Every School A Good School: The Way Forward for SEN and Inclusion Policy Proposals, a Children and Young People's Version, the related Equality Impact Assessment and a Consultation Response Booklet can be viewed and downloaded from the Department's website www.deni.gov.uk. A limited number of hard copies are available.
5. While the Department will accept the completed Consultation Response Booklets in paper copy, we would encourage responses by downloading, completing and forwarding the Consultation Response Booklet by email to seninclusion@deni.gov.uk.
6. The Department is presently organising a series of public meetings which will be held during September and October. The dates and venues of these meetings will be advertised in the local press.

7. All responses should be forwarded to the Department by 31 October 2009.

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