



Circular Letter 20/90

Department Of Education and Science Primary Branch

To the Management Authorities and Principals of National Schools

The Minister for Education wishes to refer to the matter of behaviour and discipline in national schools. [Circular 7/88](#), which was issued in March, 1988, indicated that a review would be carried out of the operation of the procedures contained therein.

This review has now been completed and the Department has drawn up two documents, which are enclosed, viz,

[Guidelines towards a positive Policy for School Behaviour and Discipline](#), and [Suggested Code of Behaviour and Discipline for National Schools](#).

Copy of revised [Rule 130](#) is also enclosed.

Each Board of Management is, requested to draw up a Code of Behaviour and Discipline for its school in accordance with the enclosed documents. A Board may adopt and adapt provisions in the Suggested Code as necessary to meet the particular needs and circumstances of its school.

This Circular and appendices will replace Circular 7/88 and its appendices.

Where a Board of Management employs detention as part of its code of behaviour and discipline, arrangements should be made to have the pupil(s) concerned properly supervised during the period of detention. Advice received by the Minister indicates that, if it is proposed to detain a pupil after school hours, the parents or guardians should be notified of this in advance.

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Secretary
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