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- Education and Library Boards;
- Boards of Governors
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Summary of Contents:

The attached Circular details the position regarding directed time as specified in the Teachers Pay and Conditions of Service Agreement.

Enquiries:

Any enquiries about the contents of this Circular should be addressed to the relevant employing authority.

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Action by Boards of Governors and
Employing Authorities.

Information for Principals, Vice-
principals and Teachers.

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The Department's attention has been drawn to questions raised about Directed Time as specified in the Teachers Pay and Conditions of Service Agreement.

The purpose of this circular letter is to dispel any doubts that there may be about the interpretation of the terms that a teacher shall be available for work on 195 days a year and shall be available to perform duties for 1265 hours per year, as incorporated in Paragraphs 9, 10 and 11(a) and (b) of the Agreement. The content of these paragraphs has been enshrined in the Teachers' (Terms and Conditions of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 - Schedule 3, Paragraph 4(a) and (b).

The position is that a teacher is under a contractual obligation to be available for work on 195 days a year, and to be available to perform such duties at such times and such places as may reasonably be specified by the principal for 1265 hours in any year, exclusive of time spent off school premises in preparing and marking lessons and time spent travelling to and from the place of work.

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