

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE PRIMARY BRANCH

### TO BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT AND PRINCIPALS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### Release Time for Principal Teachers in Primary Schools

##### 1. Introduction

This circular amends Section 2.1 of Primary Circular 14/01 in relation to the number of days that Teaching Principals may take as release time in a school year. The terms of all other paragraphs and particularly Paragraph 2.2 of Primary Circular 14/01 continue to apply.

##### 2. Increase in Release Time

The amended number of days that Teaching Principals may take as release time in each school year is outlined in Table A below.

**Table A**

<b>Size of School *</b>	<b>Number of Days Release Time</b>
Principal + 5 / 6	22
Principal + 3 / 4	18
Principal + 0 / 1 / 2	14

\* Size of school refers to Principal and mainstream class teachers only and excludes ex-quota posts e.g. learning support, resource, disadvantaged concessionary posts etc.

Copies of this Circular should be given to all members of the Board of Management of the school.

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