



Primary Circular 0015/2006

To the Management Authorities of Primary Schools

National Day of Protest Friday, 9 December, 2005

The Department issued a statement on 6 December, 2005 indicating that deductions from pay would be made in all cases of absences from work of teachers and other school employees who decided to attend the National Day of Protest at various centres throughout the country. Such absences are regarded as unauthorised absences.

Accordingly, you are requested to submit on the enclosed form details of any unauthorised teacher absences from your school on Friday, 9 December, 2005 and to give specific details of the duration of the unauthorised absences on that day.

The information is required to allow for any necessary adjustment to salary in respect of the absence of the staff member concerned. Any teacher, who had an unauthorised absence on 9 December, 2005, will be notified in advance of any deduction from salary being made.

Deduction will be made on the basis of the teacher's hourly rate of pay. The hourly rate of pay for salary in respect of an absence on that day will be calculated by dividing the annual salary by 1478 hours (52.18 are the number of weeks worked per annum and 28.33 is the normal working week for primary school teachers, annual hours 1478). Deduction from salary will be made before the end of the current school year.

Management authorities are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of the teaching staff.

This circular may also be accessed on the Department of Education & Science website at www.education.ie under Education Personnel/Primary/Circulars and Information Booklets.

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