



Circular Letter 0045/2009

To: BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Substitute cover for registered teachers employed in primary schools – Arrangements for the 2009/2010 School Year.

1. The review of supervision and substitution and related matters commenced following the October 2008 Budget announcement in relation to supervision and substitution and the subsequent circulars issuing in this regard.
2. The interim outcome of the review provides that the substitution cover arrangements introduced in January 2009 for primary schools will continue for the 2009/2010 school year.
3. Under these arrangements substitute cover is not provided for the first day of an absence of a teacher on uncertified sick leave in a school.
4. There are two exceptions to this general rule. The first is that substitute cover will be provided for the first day of an absence of a teacher on uncertified sick leave in schools with two or less classroom teachers.

5. The second is that in the event that two or more teachers in a school are absent from teaching duty on the first day of uncertified sick leave, substitute cover is provided for the second and subsequent teachers that are absent.

Substitution Cover for Other Absences.

6. The existing arrangements for substitute cover for other absences of teachers from teaching duty will continue to apply.

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