

Board of Management/Governors Authorisation Letter for 2021/2022 School Accounts

To be sent to External Accountant/Auditor only
(This document does not form part of the Annual Accounts)

School Name: _____ **Roll No.** _____

School Address: _____

Accountants/Auditors name & address: _____

Dear _____, (insert Accountant/Auditors name)

1. The board of management/governors of (insert school name) _____ authorise (insert accountants/auditors name) _____, to transfer the relevant information contained in the financial accounts to the Financial Support Services Unit as part of the online submission process.
2. The board approves the transfer of relevant information contained in the board's annual accounts by the Financial Support Services Unit to:
 - a. the Central Statistics Office, to assist the annual reporting obligations.
 - b. the Charities Regulator, to assist the annual reporting obligations set out in Section 52 of the Charities Act 2009.
 - c. the Trustee/Patron, where requested,
3. The board confirms that, where applicable, the Income and Expenditure and bank balance of the Parents Association, Student Council and all other bank accounts relating to school activities are included in the annual accounts.
4. The board confirms that the external accountant/auditor is a member of a Prescribed Accountancy Body and has Professional Indemnity Insurance in place.
5. The board confirms that the Trustee details for the school are registered correctly with the Charities Regulator. (Insert RCN number) _____.
6. The average number of employees paid directly by the board in the school for the year ended 31st August 2022 was (insert number) _____.
7. The number of individuals who have volunteered for the board and the school for the year ended 31st August 2022 was: (e.g., board members, parent's association, parents that helped at bake sale etc.)

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 - 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 - 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 - 49	<input type="checkbox"/>
50 - 249	<input type="checkbox"/>
250+	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Board of Management/Governors Declaration - Covid supports

8.1 Were Covid-19 financial supports claimed by the board in respect of Department of Education grant funded Secretaries, Caretakers and Cleaners? This question relates to EWSS. Yes No N/A

If the answer is yes please provide the total amount received. € _____

8.2 The board understands that grant funding may be reduced by the amount of any Covid-19 financial supports received as identified above and this may be subject to audit at a future date. Yes

8.3 The board confirms that the reconciliation of unspent Covid-19 Capitation related grants for the school years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 were prepared and where applicable the unspent amount was returned to the Department. Yes No N/A

8.4 The board confirms that the Covid-19 operational supports provided as outlined in circulars 45/2020, 46/2020 and 53/2020 as applicable, to date were specifically used for the purpose of minimising the risk of spread of Covid-19 and that costs were recorded appropriately in the school accounts. Yes No N/A

On behalf of the board on _____ (insert date)

Chairperson

Board Member