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Primary Schools (General)

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH JULY, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1963 WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 27 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Primary Schools (General) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) No. 2 1966 and shall come into operation on 1st August, 1966.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Primary Schools (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**b**).

3. After Regulation 22 of the existing Regulations there shall be inserted the following Regulation:—

"**22A.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, the arrangements for collective worship and religious instruction in a school shall be under the control of the managers of the school.

(2) The time at which collective worship is held, and the time or times during which religious instruction is given, in a school shall be clearly shown on the time-table of the school.

(3) The time or times during which religious instruction is given in a school shall be so arranged as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to any pupils attending the school who, in pursuance of sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Act, have been excused from attendance at such religious instruction.

(4) In all schools there shall be set apart for the purpose of religious instruction a period of at least one half-hour each school day or its equivalent within each week.

(5) A local education authority shall, if so requested by the minister in charge of any church or other place of worship in the vicinity of any school under the control of the authority, communicate to him the names of any pupils attending the school who are, or are stated to be, of the same religious denomination as that minister."

(**a**) 1947. c. 3.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 104; 1962, No. 12; 1962, No. 230; 1963, No. 48; 1964, No. 123; 1965, No. 39; 1965, No. 65; 1966, No. 120.