**NEW ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE EDUCATION ACT 1998 EFFECTIVE FROM 12 NOVEMBER 2020 ONWARDS**

The new appeal arrangements will apply to appeals made from 12 November 2020 onwards.

Section 7 of the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018 has provided for the replacement of the existing Section 29 of the Education Act 1998 with a series of new sections numbered 29 to 29F.

These new appeal provisions in Sections 29 to 29F are designed to work alongside the wider admissions framework in the 2018 Act and will come into operation from 12 November 2020 onwards.

Following consultation with the education partners and in accordance with section 29B of the Education Act 1998, the Minister has also determined the following procedures for appeals which will apply from 12 November 2020 onwards.

Enquiries regarding this circular should be emailed to the Department at **Section29@education.gov.ie****.**

[**https://www.education.ie/en/Parents/Services/Appeal-against-Permanent-Exclusion-Suspension-or-Refusal-to-Enrol/**](https://www.education.ie/en/Parents/Services/Appeal-against-Permanent-Exclusion-Suspension-or-Refusal-to-Enrol/)