



To: Management Bodies
Re: **IMPORTANT UPDATE** - Survey of Secretaries and Caretakers Paid by Grant Funding (Fórsa Pay Claim)
Date: 13 May 2021

Dear Management Body,

Further to correspondence that issued last Thursday, 5th May I want to update you on the level of survey returns received up to Wednesday 12th May.

To date we have received a return from just 724 schools (approximately 18.5% of schools). Some 20% of primary schools have made returns, along with 3.5% of post-primary schools and 7% of Community & Comprehensive Schools. As you will be aware it is very important that we receive as many completed returns as possible before the survey closes next **Friday 21st May**.

A much higher level of return will be required if the matter has any chance of being progressed and possibly resolved in the short-term. Where schools have not provided information on their staff, it may make it more difficult to ensure that any future agreement is implemented accurately and in line with grant funding.

Details of how to access the surveys are available in previous correspondence and also appended to this letter for ease of reference. All queries should be directed by schools to: esrsurvey@education.gov.ie. As indicated in the survey notes, one survey is to be submitted for each secretary or caretaker employed by the school and paid by grant-funding.

We welcome the contribution of schools who have already submitted survey response, and ask that you continue to encourage Boards of Management to return information via the survey to the Department as promptly as possible.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1: Survey Links

The surveys links are available below, and through Esinet.

Secretaries

- English — https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/School_Secretary_19
- Irish — <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/SuirbhearRunaithe2019>

Password: Secretary2019

Caretakers

- English — https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/School_Caretaker_19
- Irish — <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/SuirbhearFeighlithe2019>

Password: Caretaker2019