

## Financial Guideline P15 - 2018/19

### Grant Scheme for ICT Infrastructure - 2018/2019 School Year

#### Introduction and Purpose

As part of the implementation of the *Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020 Enhancing Teaching Learning and Assessment*, funding for ICT Infrastructure will be distributed to schools over five years. Schools are not required to apply for this funding.

#### Automatic Issue of ICT Grant

This grant will be paid directly into the school bank account.

#### Guidance for the Equipment and Infrastructure that may be purchased under the ICT Grants Scheme

The ICT infrastructure selected for purchase must be in compliance with the broad list of authorised infrastructures as set out in [Department Circular 0018/2019](#).

#### Grant Rates Information

- All schools will receive a lump sum of €2,000
- A per capita amount will be paid as follows:
  - a) €39.89 per mainstream pupil
  - b) €47.85 per special needs pupil
  - c) €43.87 per pupil in special schools
- All schools that opened prior to the 2015 calendar year or are in buildings built prior to the 2015 calendar year will be eligible for this funding.

#### Additional funding – up to €5m to be distributed on application by schools

To recognise and support the ongoing work in schools in implementing the vision of the Digital Strategy for Schools, and to embed the use of digital technologies in teaching and learning, up to €5m of this funding will be distributed via an application mechanism. Further information concerning the application process for the additional funding can be found on the Department of Education and Skills [website](#).

### **Tender Procedures and Record keeping**

All purchases must be in compliance with public procurement procedures. Existing ICT purchasing frameworks should be engaged with and taken advantage of as they simplify the process of purchasing ICT equipment for schools.

### **Role of the Board of Management**

The Board of Management must establish a set of procedures governing purchasing and should set out the arrangements for tendering and buying of goods, payment of invoices and maintenance of accounting records.

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