

## **Revised Capitation Grant Rates 2025/2026 School Year**

### **1. Introduction**

The Department of Education has announced the increase in the Capitation Grant rates for the 2025/2026 school year. See [Circular 0040/2025](#) for full details.

### **2. Capitation Grant Rates**

- The standard rate of the grant for the 2025/2026 school year is €224 per mainstream pupil with effect from 01 September 2025. The grant paid to small schools is based on a minimum enrolment of 60 mainstream pupils.
- The increase also applies to enhanced capitation rates which are payable in respect of Traveller pupils and pupils attending special schools and NCSE approved special classes attached to mainstream schools. Full details of these rates are outlined in appendix A of the circular and are inclusive of the mainstream rate of €224.

### **3. Utilisation of funds**

Capitation funding is intended to contribute to the day-to-day running costs of schools and consequently should be used to meet the cost of items such as heating, lighting, cleaning, insurance and general upkeep in schools.

### **4. Payment of Capitation Grant**

The Capitation Grant is paid in 2 instalments:

- The first Instalment is paid in January each year and is based on 70% of the previous school years enrolments.
- The second instalment is paid in June each year and is based on the current years enrolment and reduced by the January payment.

This guideline is based on [Circular 0040/2025](#). Queries in relation to the circular should be addressed to [sdfinfo@education.gov.ie](mailto:sdfinfo@education.gov.ie).

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