

# SUNCROFT NATIONAL SCHOOL

## **Policy Number: 32 - RETENTION OF PUPILS      REV:1**

The provision of a Special Needs team (full time Learning Support Teacher and full time Resource Teacher) and a range of other resources available to and in the school provide considerable support for pupils with learning difficulties right through from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. This level of provision should help pupils to make progress in keeping with their needs and abilities. All this help if needed should also help children to move continuously through the various classes.

*Standard regulations re the retention of pupils in national school are outlined in DES Circular 11/01.*

- The Primary School Curriculum is designed as an 8 year course, including a two year Infant cycle, followed by 6 years in standards from first to sixth, with the children progressing on to the next grade at the end of each school year.
- As a rule, a pupil should not be retained in an Infant class beyond the 30<sup>th</sup> June next, following the date on which he/she has:
  - Been enrolled in the school for one and a half years
  - Reached the age of 6.5 years, whichever is the earlier.
- The promotion of pupils to the next class will normally take place at the beginning of each September.
- The Principal may, following consultation with the class teacher, the SEN team and the parents of a particular pupil, conclude that their child would benefit educationally by being retained for a second year in a class. A record outlining the educational basis for the decision to retain a child in class for a second year will be kept for any child so retained. See form attached.
- Usually, retention of pupils will take place only in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> classes.
- No pupil will be held back for longer than one year throughout his/her primary school education.
- Pupils who completed sixth class in another Primary school are not accepted for enrolment here in Suncroft National School.

### **Parent Consent to Retention of a Pupil:**

See over.

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Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed \_\_\_\_\_ progress and educational needs with the class teacher and the school Principal. Following this discussion, I/we have decided, in consultation with the class teacher and the Principal, that it is best that he/she be retained in \_\_\_\_\_ class for one more year. I will do me best to support the class teacher next year in ensuring that the assigned homework (including reading and oral work) is done satisfactorily every night.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)Date: \_\_\_\_\_