

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/318

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. The instrument is subject to negative resolution.

Policy Objectives

The policy objective of this Regulation is to amend the St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 to uprate the qualifying parental income levels for the remission of fees and charges and the making of grants under the Aided Places Scheme.

The parental income scales (which determine the level of support received by individual parents through the scheme) are increased annually in order to ensure, as far as possible, that parental contributions remain a constant proportion of salary. The increase is usually based on movement in the Retail Price Index (RPI) and therefore this Regulation brings into effect a 2.7 % increase for the school session 2006/07, in line with inflation.

The 2.7% RPI modification to the parental contribution tables consequently affect increases in grants in respect of expenditure on clothing and school travel.

Consultation

While, in relation to the Aided Places Scheme, there is no statutory obligation to consult, the Scottish Council of Independent Schools, together with St Mary's Music School, have been consulted on the amending regulations, and raised no objections.

Financial Effects

The instrument creates no additional cost for the Scottish Executive.

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