EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Education (Pupil Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

S.R. 2026 No. 53

1. Introduction

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Education (DE) to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under The Department of Education in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 24(1) to (3) and (5) and 43(5) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

2.1. These Regulations amend the Education (Pupil Reporting) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 by omitting regulation 7 and Schedule 2 which provided for the reporting of specified end of key stage 1-3 information. They also make an amendment to regulations 9 and 10 to remove a reference to regulation 7.

3. Background

3.1. The Education (Pupil Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 amend The Education (Pupil Reporting) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 removing the requirement for Principals to provide a specific end of Key Stage assessment Level of Progression for each pupil at the end of Key Stages 1, 2 and 3 within the annual report to parents.

3.2. The Education (Pupil Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 amendment is not removing the requirement to provide parents with an assessment of their child's progress and achievement. Consequently the other usual pupil reporting requirements apply.

4. Consultation

4.1. It was deemed not necessary to carry out a public consultation.

5. Equality Impact

5.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Department considers that this matter will not have a differential impact on any of the section 75 categories and, on this basis, the measure was screened out.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1. A regulatory impact assessment was not considered necessary.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. There is no cost to making the Regulations.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. The proposed legislation is considered compatible with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. This measure does not replicate, nor is there a requirement to maintain parity with, legislation in other administrations.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.