

Dear School Steward,

Firstly, may I start by commending you and all your colleagues on all the work you are doing remotely in these most extraordinary times.

Re: Election of School Steward 2020/2021

Under the terms of Rule 55 of the Rules and Constitution, School Stewards must be elected by *May 1st* of each year and take up office on that date.

It is important for the efficient and effective operation of the union that School Stewards are elected in every school and Head Office is notified of the name of the person elected as soon as possible thereafter.

I am conscious that in some schools a rota system operates and providing the name(s) of the School Steward to serve for 2020/2021 will not present difficulties.

Where an election will be necessary, I would ask you to ascertain from your members whether it is possible to conduct it remotely in the current circumstances. If so, I would be grateful if you could advise us of the outcome as below.

Where it is not possible to organise the election of a School Steward in current conditions, it will be necessary to wait until normal school returns to fill the position. Please advise us if this is the case.

I attach herewith a Nomination Form for the election of School Steward and the completed form should be returned not later than *Friday 22nd May, 2020*. Please email a copy of your completed form to membership@asti.ie and if that is not possible post it directly to ASTI Head Office at Thomas MacDonagh House, Winetavern St, Dublin 8. D08 P9V6

There is also provision on the form to provide the names of two other team members where such exists.

I wish to thank you for your work on behalf of the A.S.T.I. particularly in ensuring that all eligible teachers become members of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Christie General Secretary 23rd April, 2020.