



**The Irish Education Alliance Calls for the Immediate Resignation of the Entire Central Executive Committee of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) and an Urgent Investigation into the Conduct of the Union.**

The INTO Central Executive Committee, headed by John Boyle (General Secretary) and Joe McKeown (President) have deceived their members, have issued fraudulent statements, and have knowingly lied to their members, parents, children and the rest of society.

They failed to produce supporting documentation which they relied upon to promote;

- (i) the masking of primary school children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class
- (ii) untested, experimental, emergency-use authorisation interventions on children.

The INTO Central Executive Committee does not have a delegated letter of authority from their members to speak on their behalf in this regard.

They have not supplied their personal liability insurance to make such statements on behalf of teachers. Numerous requests from concerned members, seeking detailed longitudinal and latitudinal studies, and documentation commensurate with their promotion of said 'mitigation measures', have been met with silence. This documentation, if it existed, would be made readily available. It is imperative that proof of due diligence undertaken, to ensure what they have promoted was factually and scientifically correct, is provided to its members and concerned parents.

They have acted Ultra Vires, their statements are their own, and they are now fully liable and culpable in their capacity as individuals.

In their statement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2022, the INTO used arbitrary figures to create and enhance fear amongst teachers and parents. The figures were presented indiscriminately and without any logical interpretation. They stated that "100,000 children...have tested positive for Covid-19 since Christmas." This is a misleading statement. The science, backed by statistics and figures, clearly

states that the risk of Covid-19 to children is sub-clinical. In other words, the risk is close to 0%.

They also stated that, “75 children under the age of 14 [were] hospitalised every week.” The INTO did not state what condition or illness these children were hospitalised with. This is a glaring and deliberate omission. They continued with the assertion that, “some young children were admitted to paediatric intensive care.” Once again, the INTO failed to provide statistics/information on (a) the number of children, and (b) the nature of their illness, to its members and to parents.

INTO statements must provide accurate, concise, objective and transparent information and avoid blanket, random and unsystematic assertions.

In their 22/02/2022 statement, the INTO requested that “adequate risk assessments are undertaken.” This request is most ironic considering that the INTO did not produce a risk assessment when calling for the masking of primary school children. Furthermore, they informed members that NPHET had undertaken a risk-assessment, yet refused to provide members with a copy of this document. Again, if this document existed, it would have been made readily available to members, concerned parents and the public.

Through their actions and statements, they have breached the trust of their members, parents and the public. They have brought the organisation into disrepute, have misled their members and have demonstrated that they are not trustworthy or fit for office. As a result of this, The Irish Education Alliance, is calling on John Boyle, Joe McKeown, and the entire Central Executive Committee, to resign with immediate effect due to a failure to act within their remit, and for an investigation to be initiated examining the INTO’s failure to consult with membership before speaking on their behalf. The teachers and educators of the Irish Education Alliance have no confidence in the INTO and are deeply concerned for the welfare of students in Ireland owing to this incompetence and misrepresentation.