

**Subject:**

**EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE DAY**

**CURRICULUM REVIEW: KEY STAGE 3**

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**Audience:**

- Principals and Chairpersons of Boards of Governors of all post-primary schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Association of Governing Bodies of Grammar Schools;
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education;
- Teachers' Unions.

**Summary of Contents:**

This Circular sets out the arrangements for post-primary schools to take one additional day's exceptional closure in 2003 for consideration of detailed proposals for the curriculum and assessment at Key Stage 3.

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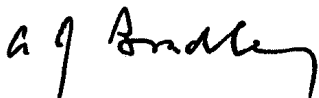
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## EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE DAY 2003

1. This Circular is to advise schools that they may take an additional exceptional closure day between 3 October 2003 and 30 November 2003.
2. The additional day has been granted to enable schools to consider detailed proposals for the Curriculum and Assessment at Key Stage 3, which will shortly be published for consultation by the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment.
3. Due to the importance of this consultation exercise it has been agreed that schools should have an additional day's exceptional closure to provide time for staff to discuss the curriculum proposals together so that they can respond to the consultation and their views can inform decisions in due course.
4. This exceptional closure day must be taken between 3 October and 30 November 2003, however, the decision on the date of the school closure is a matter for the school authorities.
5. In addition to CCEA's proposals for Key Stage 3, proposals for a revised Core Syllabus for Religious Education will also be issued to schools shortly. You may wish to use this Exceptional Closure Day as an opportunity to consider both sets of proposals at the same time.



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