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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education;
- Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta;
- Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA)
- Teachers' Unions; and
- Governing Bodies Association.

**Summary of Contents:**

This Circular announces an additional day's holiday during the 2010/11 school year to mark the Royal Wedding.

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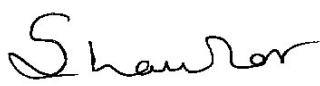
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## ROYAL WEDDING – 29 APRIL 2011

1. This circular is to advise schools that those which wish to do so may take an additional day's holiday in the 2010/11 school year.
2. The extra holiday has been granted to mark the Royal Wedding on 29 April 2011 which falls during the agreed Easter Holiday period and is therefore a date on which schools will already be closed. Where schools that decide to avail of this facility close for an additional day, that closure will be treated as an exceptional closure.
3. On this occasion, the Department is granting advance approval so there is no need for schools to seek approval from DE. **However, all schools which decide to avail of this additional day's holiday must inform their Education and Library Board in advance** (and, in the case of Catholic Maintained Schools, should also notify CCMS), providing details of the proposed date of closure.
4. Decisions on the dates of school closures are for school authorities. In view of the extensive closures during the past winter, however, the Department expects that schools which select to do so will take their additional day at the end of the summer term so as to keep disruption to pupils' education to a minimum.



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