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AN ROINN  
**Oideachais**

MÁNNYSTRIE O  
**Lear**

Chuig: Príomhoidí agus Boird Ghobharnóirí  
i ngach scoil dheontaschúnta : Boird  
Oideachais agus Leabharlainne; agus  
chuig Comhairle na Scoileanna  
Caitliceacha faoi Chothabháil.

To: Principals and Boards of Governors  
of all grant-aided schools; Education  
and Library Boards; and the Council  
for Catholic Maintained Schools

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### **DÚNADH EISCEACTHÚIL LE GO N- USÁIDFEAR FOIRGNEAMH NA SCOILE MAR IONAD VOTÁLA AR 5 BEALTAINÉ**

I gCiorclán na Roinne Oideachais –  
Dúnadh Roghnach nó Éisceachtúil Scoile  
2005/8- mínítear go gcuirfidh an Roinn  
cúinsí eisceachtúla macasamhail an scoil  
bheith in úsáid mar ionad vótála do  
thoghcháin parlaiminte nó do thoghcháin  
rialtais áitiúil sa áireamh agus í ag meas  
iarratas ar laghdú ó thaobh líon na  
laethanta nach mór do scoil bheith ag  
feidhmiú.

Is eol don Roinn go mbeidh líon suntasach  
scoileanna in úsáid mar ionaid vótála do  
thoghcháin Thionól Thuaisceart Éireann  
agus do thoghcháin rialtais áitiúil atá  
beartaithe do 5 Bealtaine 2011 agus go  
mbeidh lá eisceachtúil dúnta de dhíth orthu  
dá bharr.

Leis seo a éascú, ba chóir do Príomhoidí  
na scoileanna uile a bhfuil gá lena n-úsáid  
mar ionaid vótála agus a bheidh dúnta do  
dhaltaí ar lá na vótála, ba chóir dóibh sin a  
chur in iúl don oifigeach cuí sa Bhord  
Oideachais agus Leabharlainne áitiúil (  
agus i gcás scoileanna Caitliceacha atá  
faoi Chothabháil don Chomhairle do

### **EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURES FOR USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES AS POLLING STATIONS ON 5 MAY 2011**

The Department of Education's Circular  
2005/8 – School Optional and Exceptional  
Closures explains that the Department will  
consider applications for a reduction in the  
number of days on which a school must be  
in operation to take account of exceptional  
circumstances, such as the use of the  
school as a polling station for parliamentary  
and local government elections.

The Department is aware that a significant  
number of schools will serve as polling  
stations for the Northern Ireland Assembly  
and local government elections scheduled  
to take place on 5 May 2011 and will  
therefore require exceptional closure days.  
In order to facilitate this, Principals of all  
schools which are required for use as  
polling stations and which will be closed to  
pupils on polling day should notify the  
relevant officer in their local Education and  
Library Board (and, in the case of Catholic  
Maintained schools, should also notify the  
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools).  
Contact details are attached – Principals  
should ensure that notifications to  
ELBs/CCMS include their school reference  
number. Please note that schools that are  
being used as polling stations on 5 May

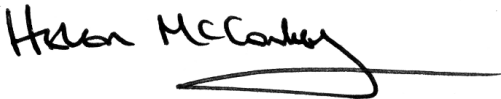
Scoileanna Caitliceacha faoi Chothabháil)

Tá sonraí teagmhála iniata – ba chóir do Phríomhoidí a chinntiú go dtugann siad uimhir thagartha na scoile agus iad ag cur in iúl do na BOLÍ/ CSCC. Tabhair do d'aire le do thoil, nach gá do scoileanna a bheidh in úsáid mar ionaid vótála iarratas a chur isteach ar an Roinn le cead a fháil do dhúnadh eisceachtúil.

Seolfaidh na BOLÍ eolas ar dhúnadh scoileanna a bheidh in úsáid mar ionaid vótála chuig an Roinn agus is féidir glacadh leis go mbeidh cead as éadan do dhúnadh éisceachtúil do na scoileanna atá liostaithe.

Ba chóir a thabhairt do d'aire gur chóir iarratais ar dhúnadh eisceachtúil ar aon chúis eile a sheoladh chuig an Roinn chomh luath agus is féidir de réir na socruithe atá leagtha amach i gCiorclán 2005/8.

Is mise le dúthracht duit

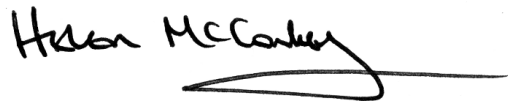


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**Churaclaim**

2011 do not need to apply to the Department for approval of exceptional closures. Information on school closures for use as polling stations will be forwarded to the Department by the ELBs and blanket approval for exceptional closures can be assumed for the schools listed.

It should be noted that applications for exceptional closures for any other reason should be forwarded to the Department as early as possible, in line with the arrangements set out in Circular 2005/8.

Yours sincerely



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