



Subject:

**‘EVERY SCHOOL A GOOD SCHOOL: A STRATEGY FOR
RAISING ACHIEVEMENT OF LITERACY AND
NUMERACY’**

**Circular Number:
2008/11**

**Date of Issue:
23 June 2008**

Audience:

- Principals and Chairpersons of 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;
- Association of Governing Bodies of Grammar Schools;
- Teachers’ Unions.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular gives notice of the consultation arrangements for the proposals for ‘Every School a Good School: A Strategy for Raising Achievement of Literacy and Numeracy’.

Enquiries:

Any enquiries about the contents of this Circular should be addressed to:

Mrs Helen McConkey
School Improvement Branch
Department of Education
Rathgael House
Balloo Road
BANGOR
BT19 7PR

**Governor Awareness
Essential**

**Status of Contents:
Information for schools**

**Related Documents:
None**

**Superseded Documents:
None**

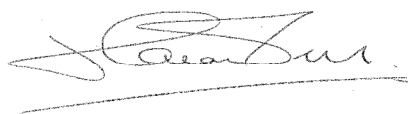
**Expiry Date:
N/A**

**DENI Website:
<http://www.deni.gov.uk>**

Tel: 028 9127 9753
Fax: 028 9127 9100
Email: helen.mcconkey@deni.gov.uk

'EVERY SCHOOL A GOOD SCHOOL: A STRATEGY FOR RAISING ACHIEVEMENT OF LITERACY AND NUMERACY'

1. This Circular is to advise schools and educational organisations of the consultation process for the Department's proposals for 'Every School a Good School: A Strategy for Raising Achievement of Literacy and Numeracy'.
2. This revised strategy is intended to build upon the strengths and address the areas for improvement, of the literacy and numeracy programme introduced by the Department in February 1998. It is designed to bring about a significant improvement in standards of attainment for all young people in primary and post-primary schools through enhanced teaching in language and literacy and mathematics and numeracy and across the curriculum.
3. The strategy is designed to work in conjunction with other strategies, particularly the new school improvement policy 'Every School a Good School' to:
 - Raise the levels of attainment for all young people in literacy and numeracy;
 - Narrow the gap between the highest and lowest performing pupils and schools, after 12 years of compulsory education.
4. While the draft strategy has been informed by good practice already in existence in many schools and reported through inspections and wider survey work carried out by the Education and Training Inspectorate, it is important that we test with schools that thinking and the proposed direction of travel. Your views and ideas will therefore be very important in shaping the final policy.
5. Copies of the revised policy paper and a consultation response document can be found on the Department's website, www.deni.gov.uk. While the Department will accept hard copy responses to the consultation we would encourage responses online and alternatively by email. The consultation response document can be downloaded, completed and forwarded by email to literacyandnumeracyconsultation@deni.gov.uk. All responses should be forwarded to the Department by 30th November 2008.



JOHN CALDWELL
School Improvement Branch