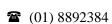
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Circular Letter 0066/2011

To Boards of Management, Principal Teachers and Teaching Staff of Gaelscoileanna and Gaeltacht Primary Schools

INITIAL STEPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY STRATEGY

Circular 0056/11 asked schools to implement a range of measures relating to the National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy. The measures include the implementation of standardised testing in Irish-medium schools with effect from 2012 at the end of 2nd, 4th, and 6th class, in English reading, Mathematics and Irish reading.

The purpose of this circular is to clarify that the version of the Drumcondra tests which should be used for Irish reading in Irish-medium schools is the test standardised specifically for Irish medium schools i.e

Triail Ghaeilge Dhroim Conrach do Bhunscoileanna Gaeltachta agus Lán-Ghaeilge (TGD-G)

The Education Research Centre has also produced a test for English-medium schools, **Triail Ghaeilge Dhroim Conrach do Bhunscoileanna Rialta (TGD-R).** This test should not be administered in Irish-medium schools

Please bring this to the attention of teachers and members of the school board of management

Margaret Kelly Principal Officer.

EXAMPLE OF FORMAT OF REPORT OF AGGREGATE STANDARDISED TEST RESULTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS FROM JUNE 2012 ONWARDS

Roll number	County	School	

IRISH READING (FOR USE ONLY IN IRISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS)

Please enter the number of students in second, fourth and sixth classes whose **scores** on a standardised test of Irish reading fall within the following ranges in respect of tests undertaken in May/June 2012:

Class	STen 1-3	STen 4	STen 5	STen 6	STen 7	STen 8 - 10	Numbers of pupils excluded from test	Total enrolment in class
Second class								
Fourth class								
Sixth class								

Test administered					
Drumcondra					
Irish ReadingTest					
for Irish-medium primary					
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