



Circular Letter 11/00

Department of Education and Science Primary Branch

**To: Boards of Management, Principal Teachers and all
Teaching Staff in National Schools**

Developing School Criteria for the School Year 2000/2001

A *developing school* is defined as a school where the enrolment on 30 September, 2000

is projected to exceed the enrolment on 30 September, 1999 by a minimum numerical increase as set out in Table A underneath and by reference to the staffing schedule set out in Appendix A of Circular 10/00 (Staffing Arrangements for National Schools for School Year 2000/2001).

Table A

Enrolment at 30 September 1999	Up to 298 pupils	299 pupils and over
Minimum Numerical Increase Required (on 30 September 2000)	25	30
Stipulated Excess Number on the Appointment Figure (see Appendix A of Circular 10/00)	5	10

In the case of such schools, an additional permanent post(s) may be sanctioned provisionally pending the confirmation of the valid enrolment on 30 September, 2000. The staffing will be adjusted in the light of the actual valid enrolments on 30 September, 2000. This arrangement will be subject to review in the light of its operation.

Schools may apply for an additional post(s) under developing school criteria before 1 November, 2000 only.

In the case of schools seeking the appointment of the 2nd mainstream class teacher and who project that a minimum numerical increase of 25 will be fulfilled, the requirement to meet the stipulated excess number of 5 on the appointment figure is

being removed. In effect this means that the enrolment required for the appointment of the 2nd mainstream class teacher in schools satisfying the developing school criteria will be an enrolment of 56 pupils rather than 61.

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