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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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Roll number</b>		<b>County</b>		<b>School</b>	
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**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:

<b>Class</b>	<b>STen 1- 3</b>	<b>STen 4</b>	<b>STen 5</b>	<b>STen 6</b>	<b>STen 7</b>	<b>STen 8 - 10</b>	<b>Numbers of pupils excluded from test</b>	<b>Total enrolment in class</b>	<b>Test administered</b>
Second class									Drumcondra Irish Reading Test for Irish-medium primary schools <b>(TGD-G)</b>
Fourth class									Drumcondra Irish Reading Test for Irish-medium primary schools <b>(TGD-G)</b>
Sixth class									Drumcondra Irish Reading Test for Irish-medium primary schools <b>(TGD-G)</b>