
Contingency plan setting out the school's arrangements for making up for lost time due to prolonged unforeseen closures. (Circular 0018/2026)



1. The following contingency arrangements apply where the school has closed for an unforeseen prolonged period.

- The school authority will, in the first instance, quantify the number of school closure days that have occurred.
- The school authority will, in consultation with the teachers, assess the effect of the loss of tuition and identify any shortfalls that have occurred as a result of the unforeseen closures.
- The school authority will consult with the teachers with a view to ensuring that the curriculum for each year group can be completed before the end of the school year. The following will be considered in ensuring this can be achieved:
 - Tuition may be prioritised over other non-tuition activities
 - Reducing where possible the length of mock/house examinations
 - Consideration of whether learning in the classroom should be prioritised over school tours, etc.
 - Examination and transition year classes will attend all classes to the end of May.
 - In instances of prolonged closures, the school authority may review the school calendar with a view to identifying any available discretionary days that the school had planned to close that could be made available to make up the loss. In this regard, the school authority will take into account the need to provide adequate notice of any changes to the school calendar to students, parents and staff.
- In cases where the above measures will not adequately address the loss in tuition involved, the school authority may, having established what arrangements for school transport may or may not be feasible if other schools are remaining closed, decide to implement the following contingency arrangement:
 - The February mid-term break may be reduced by up to three days subject to the requirement that all schools must be closed on the Thursday and Friday of the week in which this break falls.

2. The school's arrangement to communicate and make available its contingency plan:

Contingency plan will be published on school website and will be available to parents/guardians upon request.

This contingency plan was completed by the school authority on 20th May 2026

This contingency plan will be reviewed by the school authority on 13th May 2027

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Chairperson, BoM

Signed: Eileen Ryan

Principal/secretary BoM

Date: 20/5/2026.

Date: 20/05/2026