

Thomas Burns MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education to detail the total number of 'exceptional closure' days for all (i) primary schools and (ii) secondary schools, across Northern Ireland in each of the last five years.

In imthosca eisceachtúla, nuair atá druidim scoile riachtanach ar chúiseanna nach bhfuil neart ag gobharnóirí scoile orthu, is féidir leis an Roinn íslíú a fhaomhadh ar an méid laethanta ba chóir don scoil bheith ar oscailt.

In exceptional circumstances, where the closing of a school becomes necessary for reasons outside the control of the school governors, the Department can grant approval for a reduction in the required number of days during which a school should be in operation.

In view of the amount of information requested, details of all the schools which received approval to close for exceptional reasons in the last five years have been placed in the Assembly Library.

SCHOOLS WHICH CLOSED FOR EXCEPTIONAL REASONS IN EACH OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS (2004-2008)

2004

Primary Schools

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Abbots Cross Primary School	1
All Saint's Primary School	2
Ardmore Primary School	1
Ardstraw Primary School	3
Ballydown Primary School	1
Ballylifford Primary School	2
Ballyrock Primary School	2
Ballytrea Primary School	6
Bellaghy Primary School	1
Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Primary School	1
Braid Primary School	4
Bready Jubilee Primary School	6
Bunscoil Cholmcille	1
Carnaghts Primary School	1
Carnalbanagh Primary School	1
Cavehill Primary School	4
Cedar Integrated Primary School	2
Churchill Primary School, Caledon	1
Churchtown Primary School	2
Clogher Regional Primary School	2
Cortamlet Primary School	1
Culmore Primary School	1
Culnady Primary School	1
Derrylatinee Primary School	4
Donacloney Primary School	1
Drumadonnel Primary School	2
Drumbo Primary School	1
Drumlegagh Primary School	1
Envagh Primary School	2
Evisk Primary School	3
Fair Hill Primary School	1
Finaghy Primary School	4
Gortin Primary School	2
Grange Primary School	2
Holy Child Primary School	1
Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School	1
Knockloughrim Primary School	2
Lisfearny Primary School	2
Lisnadill Primary School	1
Longstone Primary School	1
Loughbrickland Primary School	1
Loughview Integrated. Primary School	9
Maghera Primary School	1
Maine Integrated Primary School	1
Millquarter Primary School	6
Milltown Primary School	1
Money more Primary School	2
Money nick Primary School	2

Newtownards Model Primary School	3
Orritor Primary School	2
Portstewart Primary School	1
Queen Elizabeth II Primary School	1
Regent House Prep Dept	3
Sacred Heart Primary School	1
Saint Macartan's Primary School	1
St Bernard's Primary School, Belfast	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Omagh	1
St Caireall's Primary School	2
St Colmans Primary School, Dromore	1
St Colmcille's Primary School, Armagh	1
St Columb's Primary School, Desertmartin	1
St Davog's Primary School	2
St Joseph's Convent Primary School, Newry	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Ederney	2
St Joseph's Primary School, Downpatrick	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Newry	5
St Kevin's Primary School	8
St Malachy's Primary School, Magherafelt	1
St Mary's Primary School, Dungannon	1
St Mary's Primary School, Saintfield	1
St Mary's Primary School, Dunsford	2
St Mary's Primary School, Dechomet	5
St Oliver's Primary School, Carrickrovaddy	2
St Patrick's Primary School, Ballymena	3
St Patrick's Primary School, Loup	3
St Patrick's Primary School, Enniskillen	2
St Paul's Primary School, Slievemore	1
St Peter's Primary School, Cookstown	3
Stewardstown Primary School	1
Stragowna Primary School	1
Strangford Integrated Controlled Primary School	2
Taughmonagh Primary School	3
The Cope Primary School	1
Tildarg Primary School	2
Wheatfield Primary School	1
Windmill Integrated Primary School	3

Total No. of Primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 86

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 86 schools = 177

Post-primary Schools

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Assumption Grammar	3
Convent Grammar	2
Corpus Christi College	3
Duke of Westminster	3
Holy Trinity College	1
Lisneal College	4
Lurgan Junior High School	1
New-Bridge Integrated College	1
Newtownabbey Community High School	1
Our Lady of Mercy	2

Our Lady of Mercy Girls', Belfast	1
Rainey Endowed School	1
Sperrin Integrated College	3
St Colman's High	2
St Joseph's College, Coalisland	2
St Louis Grammar	1
St Mary's High School, Downpatrick	1
St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt	1
Strabane High School	2

Total No. of Post-primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 19

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 19 schools = 35

2005**Primary Schools**

School	No. of exceptional closure days
All Saints Primary School, Banbridge	1
Anamar Primary School	1
Annaghmore Primary School	1
Augher Central Primary School	1
Ballylifford Primary School	1
Ballytrea Primary School	1
Brackenagh Primary School	1
Bridge Integrated Primary School	1
Bunscoil An Traonaigh	1
Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh	3
Bush Primary School	3
Carnalbanagh Primary School	2
Carntall Primary School	1
Churchill Primary School	1
Clea Primary School	1
Clintyclay Primary School	2
Clontifleece Primary School	2
Clough Primary School	3
Coagh Primary School	1
Cortamlet Primary School	3
Darkley Primary School	3
Donaghey Primary School	1
Downshire Primary School	2
Dromore Central Primary School	1
Drumadonnell Primary School	1
Drumbo Primary School	1
Dunmullan Primary School	2
Eglish Primary School	1
Enniskillen Intrgrated Primary School	3
Envagh Primary School	1
Evisk Primary School	2
Fairhill Primary School	1
Foley Primary School	2
Forthill Primary School	1
Gortin Primary School	1
Greystone Primary School	1
Groggan Primary School	1
Hamiltonsbawn Primary School	1
Hillsborough Primary School	3
Hollybank Primary School	1
Holy Cross Girls' Primary School	1
Killean Primary School	1
Killyleagh Primary School	1
Kilmaine Primary School	1
Knocknagin Primary School	1
Larne & Inver Primary School	1
Lisferty Primary School	1
Longstone Primary School	1
Loughview Integrated Primary School	1
Maghera Primary School	1
Markethill Primary School	1
Moneymore Primary School	1
Mossley Primary School	1

Newtownhamilton Primary School	2
Newport Primary School	2
Orchard County Primary School	1
Orritor Primary School	1
Patrick O'Loughran Primary School	1
Portaferry Integrated Primary School	1
Portavogie Primary School	2
Poyntzpass Primary School	1
Randalstown Primary School	1
Richmond Primary School	1
Scarva Primary School	1
Silverstream Primary School	1
St Brigid's Primary School	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Belleek	2
St Caireall's Primary School	2
St Caolan's Primary School	2
St Catherine's Primary School	4
St Colman's Primary School, Dromore	1
St Colman's Primary School, Banbridge	2
St Colmcille's Primary School, Armagh	1
St Gall's Monastery Boys Primary School	8
St John's Girl's Primary School, Belfast	3
St John's Primary School, Maghera	2
St Joseph's Primary School, Crossgar	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Newry	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Carryduff	4
St Macartan's Primary School, Downpatrick	2
St Malachy's Primary School, Magherafelt	1
St Malachy's Primary School, Newry	1
St Mary's Primary School, Downpatrick	1
St Mary's Primary School, Dungannon	1
St Mary's Primary School, Newtownards	1
St Mary's Primary School, Castlewellan	2
St Ninnidh's Primary School	2
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Loughgall	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Ahoghill	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Newry	2
St Peter's Primary School, Dungannon	1
Stewartstown Primary School	1
Straid Primary School	1
Tamnamore Primary School	1
Taughmonagh Primary School	1
The Cope Primary School	1
Toreagh Primary School	1
Tullymacarett Primary School	1
Tullyroan Primary School	1
Windsor Hill Primary School	2
Wm Pinkerton. Memorial Primary School	1
Woods Primary School	1

Total No. of Primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 102

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 102 schools = 151

Post-primary Schools

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Clondermot High School	1
Cookstown High School	1
Drumglass High School	1
Holy Cross College	2
Markethill High School	1
Coláiste Feirste	4
Newtownhamilton High School	2
Rainey Endowed School	1
Saintfield High School	2
Sperrin Integrated College	4
St Cecilia's College	5
St Louis Grammar	1
St Peter's High School	1

Total No. of Post-primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 13

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 13 schools = 26

2006**Primary School**

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Armoy Primary School	1
Ballydown Primary School	1
Bangor Central Integrated Primary School	1
Barrack St. Boys' Primary School	2
Braid Primary School	1
Camphill Primary School	2
Carntall Primary School	1
Castleroe Primary School	1
Convent of Mercy Primary School, Rostrevor	1
Cortamlet Primary School	1
Dundonald Primary School	3
Dunmullan Primary School	1
Eglinton Primary School	2
Erganagh Primary School	1
Evisk Primary School	3
Gortin Primary School	1
Grange Primary School	1
Groomsport Primary School	1
Killean Primary School	1
Knockbreda Primary School	1
Knocknagoney Primary School	1
Lisnamurrigan Primary School	2
Mersey Street Primary School	3
Mossley Primary School	2
St Bride's Primary School	2
St Brigid's Primary School, Omagh	2
St Caireall's Primary School	2
St Ita's Primary School	3
St Jarlath's Primary School	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Ballymena	1
St Louis' Primary School	3
St Malachy's Primary School	2
St Mary's Boy's Primary School, Rostrevor	1
St Mary's Primary School, Strabane	2
St Mary's Primary School, Ballymena	2
St Mary's Primary School, Aghadowey	2
St Olcan's Primary School	3
St Patrick's Primary School, Ahoghill	3
St Patrick's Primary School, Strabane	2
St Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Magheralin	1
St Therese of Lisieux Primary School	1
Strand Primary School	2
Strandtown Primary School	1
Sydenham Primary School	1
Tildarg Primary School	1

Total No. of Primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 46

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 46 schools = 74

Post-primary Schools

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Ballee High School	1
Devenish College	2
Fivemiletown High School	3
St Colmcille's High School	1
St Mary's College	1
St Patrick's College	1
St. Comhgall's High School	1

Total No. of Post-primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 7

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 7 schools = 10

2007**Primary Schools**

School	No. of Exceptional Closure Days
Abbott's Cross Primary School	1
All Saints Primary School, Ballymena	3
Ampertaine Primary School	1
Antrim Primary School	1
Armoy Primary School	1
Artigarvan Primary School	1
Ashlea Primary School	1
Ballee Primary School	1
Ballinamallard Primary School	1
Balloughry Primary School	1
Ballycarry Primary School	1
Ballycastle Primary School	1
Ballyclare Primary School	1
Ballycloughan Primary School	1
Ballycraigy Primary School	1
Ballyduff Primary School	2
Ballyhenry Primary School	1
Ballykeel Primary School	1
Ballykelly Primary School	1
Ballymena Primary School	1
Ballymoney Model Primary School	1
Ballynure Primary School	1
Ballysally Primary School	1
Ballytober Primary School	1
Balnamore Primary School	1
Barnish Primary School	3
Barrack Street Boys' Primary School	1
Bellarena Primary School	1
Bready Jubilee Primary School	1
Bridgehill Primary School	1
Brookeborough Primary School	1
Broughshane Primary School	1
Buick Memorial Primary School	1
Bunscoille Cholmcille	1
Burnfoot Primary School	1
Bushmills Primary School and Nursery Unit	1
Bushvalley Primary School	1
Cairncastle Primary School	1
Camphill Primary School	1
Carnaghts Primary School	1
Carnalbanagh Primary School	2
Carnalridge Primary School	1
Carniny Primary School	1
Carnmoney Primary School	1
Carrickfergus Model Primary School	1
Carrowreagh Primary School	1
Castledawson Primary School	1
Charley Memorial Primary School	2
Christ the King Primary School	1
Clough Primary School	1
Cloughmills Primary School	1
Cooley Primary School	1
Corran Integrated Primary School	1

Creavery Primary School	1
Creggan Primary School	1
Crumlin Primary School	1
Culcrow Primary School	1
Damhead Primary School	1
Derrygonnelly Primary School	1
DH Christie Memorial Primary School	1
Doagh Primary School	1
Donegall Rd Primary School	1
Donemana Primary School	1
Dromore Primary School	1
Drumachose Primary School	1
Drumahoe Primary School	1
Drumard Primary School	1
Drumbo Primary School	2
Drumlins Integrated Primary School	2
Drumnabey Primary School	1
Dunclug Primary School	1
Dungiven Primary School	1
Dunservick Primary School	1
Earlview Primary School	1
Ebrington Primary School	1
Eden Primary School	1
Eden Primary School	1
Edenbrooke Primary School	1
Edwards Primary School	1
Eglinton Primary School	1
Enniskillen Model Primary School	1
Fairview Primary School	1
Faughanvale Primary School	1
Florencecourt Primary School	1
Fourtowns Primary School	1
Gaelscoil-Naiscoil an Lonnáin	2
Garvagh Primary School	1
Gibson Primary School	1
Gillygooley Primary School	1
Glendermott Primary School	1
Glengormley Primary School	1
Glynn Primary School	1
Good Shepherd Primary School	1
Gorran Primary School	1
Gortin Primary School	1
Gortnagarn Primary School	1
Gracehill Primary School	1
Grange Primary School	1
Greenhaw Primary School	1
Greenisland Primary School	1
Greystone Primary School	1
Groggan Primary School	1
Groomsport Primary School	1
Guinness Primary School	2
Harpur's Hill Primary School	1
Harryville Primary School	1
Hazelbank Primary School	1
Hezlett Primary School	1
Hollybank Primary School	1
Hollybush Primary School	1
Holy Child Primary School, Belfast	1

Holy Child Primary School, Derry	1
Holy Family Primary School, Shantallow	1
Holy Trinity PS, Enniskillen	1
Irvinestown Controlled Primary School	1
Jones Memorial Primary School	1
Kells & Connor Primary School	1
Kesh Primary School	1
Killowen Primary School	1
Killyhomman Primary School	1
Kilmoyle Primary School	1
Kilrea Primary School	1
King's Park Primary School	1
Kirkinriola Primary School	1
Kirkistown Primary School	1
Knockahollet Primary School	1
Knockloughrim Primary School	1
Knocknagin Primary School	1
Lambeg Primary School	2
Landhead Primary School	1
Larne & Inver Primary School	1
Leaney Primary School	1
Limavady Central Primary School	1
Linn Primary School	1
Lisbellaw Primary School	1
Lisnagelvin Primary School	1
Loanends Primary School	1
Londonderry Model Primary School	1
Longtower Primary School	2
Loughash Primary School	1
Macosquin Primary School	1
Maghera Primary School	1
Magherafelt Primary School	1
Maguiresbridge Primary School	1
Maine Integrated Primary School	1
Mallusk Primary School	1
McClintock Primary School	1
Milburn Primary School	1
Mill Strand Integrated Primary School	1
Moorfields Primary School	1
Mossgrove Primary School	1
Mossley Primary School	1
Mount St Michael's Primary School	1
Moyle Primary School	1
Mullabuoy Primary School	1
Newbuildings Primary School	1
Newtownbutler Primary School	1
Newtownstewart Model Primary School	1
Oakfield Integrated Primary School	1
Oakfield Primary School	2
Omagh County Primary School	1
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Belfast	1
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Greencastle	1
Parkgate Primary School	1
Parkhall Primary School	1
Portaferry Integrated Primary School	1
Portavogie Primary School	1
Portglenone Primary School	1
Portrush Primary School	1

Portstewart Primary School	1
Queen Elizabeth II Primary School	1
Randalstown Central Primary School	1
Rasharkin Primary School	1
Rathenraw Primary School	1
Round Tower Integrated Primary School	1
Saint John's Primary School, Moy	1
Seaview Primary School	1
Silverstream Primary School	1
Sion Mills Primary School	1
St Bernard's Primary School, Newtownabbey	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Gortin	2
St Brigid's Primary School, Derry	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Omagh	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Ballymoney	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Magherafelt	1
St Caireall's Primary School	3
St Ciaran's Primary School	1
St Colmcille's Primary School, Derry	1
St Colmcille's Primary School, Omagh	1
St Columban's Primary School	1
St Columba's Primary School, Garvagh	1
St Davog's Primary School	1
St Eithne's Primary School	1
St. Eoghan's Primary School	2
St Eugene's Primary School, Lisnaskea	1
St Finlough's Primary School	1
St Francis' Primary School, Castlewellan	1
St Jarlath's Primary School	1
St John's Primary School, Derry	1
St John's Primary School, Maghera	1
St John's Primary School, Carnlough	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Antrim	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Enniskillen	1
St Joseph's Primary School, Dunloy	1
St Lawrence's Primary School	1
St Martin's Primary School	1
St Mary's Primary School, Maghera (Glenview)	1
St Mary's Boys' Primary School, Strabane	1
St Mary's Girls' Primary School, Strabane	1
St Mary's Gortnaghey Primary School	1
St Mary's Primary School, Greenlough	2
St Mary's Primary School, Enniskillen	1
St Mary's Primary School, Glenravel	1
St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall	1
St Mary's Primary School, Ballycastle	1
St Mary's Primary School, Magherafelt	1
St Mary's Primary School, Bellaghy	1
St Mary's Primary School, Altinure	1
St Naile's Primary School	1
St Ninnidh's Primary School	1
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Toomebridge	1
St Oliver Plunkett's Primary School, Kilmore	2
St Patrick's Primary School, Portrush	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Ahoghill	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Glanariffe	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Eskra	1
St Paul's Primary School, Belfast	4

St Paul's Primary School, Irvinestown	1
St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School	1
St Peter's Primary School, Omagh	1
St Theresa's Primary School, Strabane	1
St Therese Primary School, Derry	1
St Tierney's Primary School	1
St Trea's Primary School	4
Steelstown Primary School	1
Strabane Primary School	1
Straidbilly Primary School	1
Strandtown Primary School	1
Sunnylands Primary School	1
Templepatrick Primary School	1
Tempo No 1 Primary School	1
Termoncanice Primary School	1
The Diamond Primary School	1
The Thompson Primary School	1
Tobermore Primary School	1
Trench Road Primary School	1
Upper Ballyboley Primary School	1
Victoria Primary School	1
Whiteabbey Primary School	1
Whitehead Primary School	1
William Pinkerton Primary School	1
Woodburn Primary School	1
Woodlawn Primary School	1

Total No. of Primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 253

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 254 schools = 279

Post-primary Schools

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Bangor Academy	5
De La Salle College	3
De La Salle High School	1
Dean Maguirc College	2
Drumragh Integrated College	3
Lisnaskea High School	1
Lisneal College	3
Nendrum College	2
St Joseph's High School	1
St Mary's College	1

Total No. of Post-primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 10

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 10 schools = 22

2008**Primary Schools**

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Abbey Primary School	1
Ballynure Primary School	1
Balnamore Primary School	1
Barnish Primary School	1
Black Mountain Primary School	1
Bridge Integrated Primary School	1
Collone Primary School	2
Denamona Primary School	1
Donacloney Primary School	1
Drumlins Integrated Primary School	1
Duneane Primary School	1
Evish Primary School	1
Gaelscoil Na Speiríní	1
Grange Primary School	1
Hezlett Primary School	1
Kirkistown Primary School	1
Laghey Primary School	1
Ligoniel Primary School	1
Lisfearty Primary School	1
Loughview Integrated Primary School	1
Nettlefield Primary School	1
Portstewart Primary School	2
St Brigid's Primary School, Maghera	1
St Bronagh's Primary School	1
St Caireall's Primary School	1
St Colman's (Bann) Primary School	1
St Colman's Primary School, Annaclone	2
St Eugene's Primary School, Omagh	1
St Lawrence's Primary School	1
St Macartan's Primary School, Downpatrick	1
St Malachy's Primary School, Moneymore	1
St Malachy's Primary School, Armagh	1
St Mary's Gortnaghey Primary School,	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Downpatrick	1
St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School	1
St Peter's Primary School, Cookstown	1
Tonagh Primary School	1
Towerview Primary School	2
Upper Ballyboley Primary School	1
West Winds Primary School	1

Total No. of Primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 40

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 40 schools = 44

Post-primary Schools

School	No. of exceptional closure days
Banbridge Academy	1
Bangor Academy	5
Down Academy	4
Dundonald High School	1

Integrated Coll, D'Gannon	1
Movilla High School	1
St Comgall's College	1
St Eugene's High School	2
St Patrick's College	3

Total No. of Post-primary Schools to take exceptional closure days = 9

Total No. of exceptional closure days taken by 9 schools = 19