

24th February 2011

Deputy Mary Hanafin, TD
Minister for Education and Science
Office of the Minister for Education and Skills
Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Our Ref: 26764

Re: Lucan Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council
held on 22nd February 2011

Dear Minister

At the meeting of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 22nd February 2011 the following motion was adopted and approved by the Members of the Area Committee:

“To ask the Manager to write to the Minister for Education & Skills to request that the special class at Scoil Áine Naofa in Esker be retained for the school year 2011-2012 and beyond; and that the current unacceptably-long delays for psychological assessments being encountered by many children in the Esker parish area are addressed as a matter of urgency?”

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Edel Colgan
Senior Staff Officer



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PLEASE QUOTE OUR REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE
Our Ref: 1106534

12 October 2011

Dear Ms. Colgan

I refer to your correspondence to the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Ruairi Quinn T.D. on behalf of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee in relation to the Special Class for pupils with Mild General Learning Disability in Scoil Aine Naofa.

The National Council for Special Education (NCSE), through its network of local Special Educational Needs Organisers (SENOs), is responsible for processing applications from primary and post primary schools for special educational needs supports. This includes the allocation of resource teaching hours to schools as well as the establishment of special classes in various geographical areas as required and the discontinuation of such classes where the need no longer exists.

The NCSE operates within the Department's criteria in allocating such supports.

I am pleased to inform you that the SENO has confirmed with the Department that Scoil Aine Naofa, Esker, Lucan will retain the special class for pupils with Mild General Learning Disability for the 2011/2012 school year.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Ronnie Ryan
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Private Secretary