**Procedure for Exceptional Closures**

**Scoil Cholmcille Junior,**

**Ballybrack**

**Roll No: 19641T**

Scoil Cholmcille Junior is in operation for 183 days in the school year, unless owing to some exceptional cause it has not been possible for the school to be in operation for all 183 days.

**RULE 60: EXCEPTIONAL CLOSINGS**

"Exceptional cause" may include the following closures:

* Inclement weather
* Heating breakdown
* Essential repairs\*

\*Rule 52(1) states: "Works of maintenance should be carried out, as far as possible, during the vacation periods." INTO

General Position

In general, a school closure, due to unforeseen circumstances, should be compensated for later in the school year. The February mid-term break may be reduced by up to three days or the Easter break may be reduced by up to three days by the school remaining open up to and including the Wednesday immediately preceding the Easter weekend. In exceptional circumstances, the Department may, on application by the school, exempt or partially exempt it from this requirement.

In the event of a heating breakdown or essential repair works, a text will be sent out to all parents advising them of the exceptional closure.

If weather conditions are particularly bad, a text will be sent out early in the morning or the day before advising you to keep children at home until 10.00a.m.

The reasons for opening at 10am are

* To allow children and staff to get to school safely.
* To ensure that all teachers are present in order to adequately supervise the children
* To assess whether the school should open or not.

Elections

In the case of schools used as polling stations, closure on polling day alone will be

reckoned as part of the minimum number of days.