

## Exemption from the Study of Irish

- Department of Education Circular 12/96 outlines the details and procedures to be followed in the event of a child seeking exemption from the study of Irish.
- Parents / guardians are required to make a written application to the principal of the school which specifies the grounds on which the exemption is being sought.
- If the exemption is being sought due to a specific learning disability, intellectual or sensory impairment, the parent / guardian is required to furnish reports from a qualified psychologist and / or appropriate medical specialist.
- Should the school authorities decide to grant the exemption, this is conveyed to the parent / guardian by way of a written certificate signed by the Principal.
- Details of exemptions are notified to the Department of Education and Skills in the October statistics form
- The child may be requested to participate in oral Irish language activities.