

## **ADMISSION TO SCHOOL AND PROGRESSION IN JUNIOR PRIMARY YEARS**

It is departmental policy that children enrolling in Government schools have between eleven and fourteen terms in junior primary classes, that is reception, Year 1 and Year 2. As a guide, children will progress according to the following pattern.

- Children admitted at the beginning of first term will have 12 terms, that is, three years in junior primary.
- Children admitted at the beginning of second term will have 11 terms.
- Children admitted at the beginning of third term will normally have 14 terms.
- Children admitted at the beginning of fourth term will normally have 13 terms.

In exceptional circumstances the length of time that particular children admitted in term 3 and term 4 will spend in junior primary classes and the age at which they commence school may be varied through discussion between parents and teachers and the principal with advice from other professionals, if appropriate.

The developmental needs of the child linked to the SACSA framework, the emotional well being and any special needs (both physical and intellectual) need to be taken into account when determining the progression policy for an individual child.

(ratified by Governing Council 5/4/04).