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## All-Irish school for infants

**Derry:** A new all-Irish infants school will be open in the Shantallow area in the New Year. Cearta Gael announced yesterday.

The naiscoil intake of 10 to 15, it is hoped, will form the basis of a new infant class at the Gaelscoil Dhoire Cholm Cille, a short distance away.

Here, in a special all-Irish unit in Steelstown Primary, 25 youngsters are already educated in Irish only by Miss Majella Maynes.

Miss Roisih Bhreatnach, from Buncrana, will be in charge of the naiscoil, which will operate for three hours Monday to Friday.

Cearta Gael hope too that a second all-Irish unit will be set up at another large primary in the area during the coming year.

Meanwhile, the Irish Community School in Belfast's Shaws Road is to gain full recognition from the Department of Education, who have already ordered the publication of preliminary notices stating Belfast Education and Library Board's intention to grant the school maintained status.

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Dear Sir

STEELSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

I refer to your Board's Proposal No. 21 to establish with effect from 1 September 1983, within Steelstown Primary School, Londonderry, a separate unit in which pupils will be taught through the medium of the Irish language.

The Department has given careful consideration to this proposal in the light of the objections which were submitted during the statutory 2 month objection period. It has decided, however, that the objections should not be upheld and that the proposal should be approved.

The school authorities and the objectors have been advised accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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