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Dear All:

Paragraph 13 of the instructions recently sent to you for securing amendments to the TB entries of post-primary schools urged grammar schools to give consideration to putting in place a deadline by which they should receive special provision applications.

Would you as necessary pass on to any such schools that, further to this advice, they should also consider:

- that their ability to insist on such a deadline would require it to be one that was communicated to potential applicants sufficiently in advance;
- that the deadline should be focussed on preventing special provision being applied to as an alternative to the entrance test - and could not fairly be presented as a deadline to some children: for instance, P7 children who only arrived in NI after Christmas.

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