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Michelle McIlveen MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education to detail (i) the number of schools that have closed in each of the last ten years; and (ii) the number of these schools that have amalgamated in those years.

ANSWER

From April 2015 to March 2025, 93 schools have closed, 43 of which have amalgamated.

A breakdown per year is:

Year	No. of schools closed	Of which closed as part of an amalgamation
2015 ¹	20	12
2016	10	6
2017	9	4
2018	10	7
2019	12	7
2020	3	0
2021	9	0
2022	3	0
2023	7	2

¹ From April 2015

2024	10	5
2025 ²	0	0

A list of the relevant schools and associated information has been deposited in the Assembly Library on 15 April 2025.



Paul Givan MLA
Minister of Education

² To March 2025

List of school closures and associated amalgamation information.

Ref No.	Name of school	Date of closure	Closed as part of amalgamation to form:
101-0269	Avoniel PS	31/08/2015	
203-2265	St Anthony's PS	31/08/2015	
203-2277	Craigbrack PS	31/08/2015	203-671 Our Lady of Fatima PS 1/9/2023
203-2600	St Francis of Assisi PS	31/08/2015	
203-2631	Envagh PS	31/08/2015	
203-2687	St Macartan's PS	31/08/2015	
223-0254	Immaculate Conception College	31/08/2015	
321-0200	Monkstown Community HS	31/08/2015	321-0313 Abbey Community College 1/9/2015
321-0279	Newtownabbey Community HS	31/08/2015	321-0313 Abbey Community College 1/9/2015
341-0033	Coleraine High School	31/08/2015	342-0317 Coleraine Grammar School 1/9/2015
342-0032	Coleraine Academical Institution	31/08/2015	342-0317 Coleraine Grammar School 1/9/2015
403-6081	St Luke's PS	31/08/2015	403-6702 Holy Evangelist Primary School 1/9/2015
403-6134	St Mark's PS	31/08/2015	403-6702 Holy Evangelist Primary School 1/9/2015
421-0086	Knockbreda HS	31/08/2015	431-0316 Breda Academy 1/9/2015
421-0183	Newtownbreda HS	31/08/2015	431-0316 Breda Academy 1/9/2015
503-2693	Crievagh PS	31/08/2015	
523-0070	St Mary's HS	31/08/2015	542-0314 St Ronan's College 1/9/2015
523-0088	St Paul's Junior HS	31/08/2015	542-0314 St Ronan's College 1/9/2015

523-0160	St Brigid's HS	31/08/2015	
542-0056	St Michael's GS	31/08/2015	542-0314 St Ronan's College 1/9/2015
113-6230	Holy Family Nursery School	31/08/2016	
203-2702	Evish PS	31/08/2016	
203-2712	Gortnagarn PS	31/08/2016	
241-0040	Collegiate Grammar School	31/08/2016	242-0320 Enniskillen Royal GS 1/9/2016
242-0042	Portora Royal School	31/08/2016	242-0320 Enniskillen Royal GS 1/9/2016
301-0760	Mullaghdubh PS	31/08/2016	301-6705 Islandmagee PS 1/9/2016
303-0625	St Mary's PS	31/08/2016	303-6704 Mary Queen of Peace 1/9/2016
303-2011	Altayeskey PS	31/08/2016	
303-3311	Glenravel PS	31/08/2016	303-6704 Mary Queen of Peace 1/9/2016
304-0451	Kilcoan PS	31/08/2016	301-6705 Islandmagee PS 1/9/2016
123-0026	St Patrick's College	31/08/2017	123-0321 Blessed Trinity College 1/9/2017
123-0089	Little Flower Girls' School	31/08/2017	123-0321 Blessed Trinity College 1/9/2017
223-0180	St Eugene's College	31/08/2017	223-0322 St Kevin's College 1/9/2017
223-0190	St Comhgall's College	31/08/2017	223-0322 St Kevin's College 1/9/2017
401-3038	Tullycarnet PS	31/08/2017	
503-1146	Anamar PS	31/08/2017	
503-1167	St James' PS	31/08/2017	
503-2727	St Brigid's PS	31/08/2017	
523-0256	Drumcree College	31/08/2017	
203-2473	Magheralough PS	31/08/2018	
203-2612	St Matthew's PS	31/08/2018	
321-0091	Carrickfergus College	31/08/2018	321-0323 Carrickfergus Academy 1/9/2018

321-0232	Downshire School	31/08/2018	321-0323 Carrickfergus Academy 1/9/2018
323-0142	St Mary's College, Clady	31/08/2018	323-0318 St Conor's College 1/9/2018
323-0151	St Paul's College, Kilrea	31/08/2018	323-0318 St Conor's College 1/9/2018
503-1325	St Joseph's PS	31/08/2018	503-6706 St Columban's Primary School, Kilkeel 1/9/2018
503-1516	Moneydarragh PS	31/08/2018	503-6706 St Columban's Primary School, Kilkeel 1/9/2018
503-6001	St Mary's PS	31/08/2018	503-6706 St Columban's Primary School, Kilkeel 1/9/2018
523-0059	St Columban's College, Kilkeel	31/08/2018	
123-0130	St Rose's Dominican College	31/08/2019	123-0324 All Saints College, Belfast 1/9/2019
123-0146	Christian Brothers' School	31/08/2019	123-0324 All Saints College, Belfast 1/9/2019
123-0262	Corpus Christi College	31/08/2019	123-0324 All Saints College, Belfast 1/9/2019
201-2087	Bellarena PS	31/08/2019	
201-2617	Erganagh PS	31/08/2019	
203-2683	St Joseph's PS, Glenmornan	31/08/2019	203-6712 St Michael's PS, Dunamanagh 1/9/2019
203-2722	Altishane PS	31/08/2019	203-6712 St Michael's PS, Dunamanagh 1/9/2019
203-2724	Loughash PS	31/08/2019	203-6712 St Michael's PS, Dunamanagh 1/9/2019
203-6387	St Patrick's PS, Dunmanagh	31/08/2019	203-6712 St Michael's PS, Dunamanagh 1/9/2019
301-2282	Culnady Primary School	31/08/2019	
323-0110	St Joseph's College, Coleraine	31/08/2019	
501-2611	Lisferty PS	31/08/2019	
303-3304	Tir na Nog PS	31/01/2020	
303-0848	St MacNissius' PS	31/08/2020	
401-1599	Castlewellan PS	31/08/2020	
205-2035	Groarty Controlled Integrated PS	31/08/2021	
223-0085	St Mary's HS, Brollagh	31/08/2021	

301-0466	Longstone PS	31/08/2021	
301-0470	Carnalbanagh PS	31/08/2021	
303-0800	Barnish PS	31/08/2021	
303-2104	Ballyhackett PS	31/08/2021	
304-2162	Desertmartin PS	31/08/2021	
501-1117	Drumsallen PS	31/08/2021	
511-6198	Fivemiletown NS	31/08/2021	
111-0007	Glenbank NS	31/08/2022	
201-2378	Dunmullan PS	31/08/2022	
403-1672	St Mary's PS, Saintfield	31/08/2022	
203-2300	Listress PS	31/08/2023	203-671 Our Lady of Fatima PS 1/9/2023
203-3707	Mullaghbuoy PS	31/08/2023	203-671 Our Lady of Fatima PS 1/9/2023
301-3703	Killross PS	31/08/2023	
403-1231	St Joseph's PS	31/08/2023	
501-1152	Kingsmills PS	31/08/2023	
303-0890	St Brigid's PS, Cloughmills	31/10/2023	
403-3008	St Anne's PS	31/10/2023	
131-6560	Belfast Hospital School ¹	19/02/2024	
103-0326	Our Lady's Girls' PS	31/08/2024	103-6715 St Columban's PS 1/9/2024
103-6471	Sacred Heart PS	31/08/2024	103-6715 St Columban's PS 1/9/2024
201-2648	Gillygooley PS	31/08/2024	

¹ Belfast Hospital School ceased to exist as a school from 19 February 2024 to effect a change in management, from the Board of Governors to the Education Authority and is in effect a change in management not in provision. It became part of the Exceptional Teaching Arrangements (ETA) service which is an EA managed service within Children and Young Peoples Services.

203-2688	St Eugene's PS, Tycur	31/08/2024	
301-0570	Straid PS	31/08/2024	
301-0850	Upper Ballyboley PS	31/08/2024	
423-0023	St Mary's HS Downpatrick	31/08/2024	442-0325 Lecale Trinity Grammar School 1/9/2024
423-0224	De La Salle HS Downpatrick	31/08/2024	442-0325 Lecale Trinity Grammar School 1/9/2024
442-0088	St Patrick's Grammar School	31/08/2024	442-0325 Lecale Trinity Grammar School 1/9/2024

In addition to the above, three preparatory departments² closed within the specified period:

Ref No.	Name of school	Date of closure
461-0085	Down High Prep	31/08/2015
461-0097	Cygnet House Prep Dept	31/08/2016
162-0023	Downey House Prep	20/12/2024

² Whilst preparatory departments are allocated school reference numbers, they are effectively departments of the respective school.