

Attachment No. 3 to Report



Forward Planning Section Report To The New Schools Establishment Group

New Post-Primary Schools 2015/2016

Location: Midleton/Carrigtohill Cork (map attached)

Year Required: 2016

School Size required: Long term projected need up to 1000 pupil places

Medium of Instruction: English

Applications Received

Two applications were received to establish the new school in Midleton/Carrigtohill, Cork. A brief profile of each applicant together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out hereunder.

Profile of Applicants

Joint application from the Cork Education and Training Board and the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne

Cork ETB is a statutory body, established on July 1st 2013 through the amalgamation of City of Cork VEC and County Cork VEC. It provides a range of education services encompassing post-primary schools, further education colleges, adult and community education, literacy support and youth support services. Cork ETB is the patron of St. Colman's Community College in Midleton. Cork ETB will be opening its first community national school in Mallow in September 2014

The Catholic Bishop of Cloyne is the patron of a number of primary and secondary schools in County Cork. He is not, however, currently the patron of any post-primary school in the Midleton/Carrigtohill area

School type proposed - Co-educational, designated community college. A school of this type would have a Catholic ethos.

Where Education and Training Boards are involved with individual Catholic patron bodies, the partnership will be through the use of the designated community college model.

Educate Together

Educate Together is the representative organisation of the 58 Educate Together National Schools throughout the Country, and is patron of 45 of these schools (including one in Midleton, which opened in 2008). Educate Together is advanced in its plans to open its first second-level school in Hansfield, Dublin 15 in 2014. In addition, Educate Together is involved in a co-patronage model with Louth & Meath Education Training Board in a community school to open in Drogheda, Co. Louth in 2014, and in a partnership model with Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education Training Board in a community college in Clonburris, Lucan, Co. Dublin also opening in 2014. A Blueprint for Educate Together's second-level schools has been developed called "Taking the Next Steps". The organisation became a company limited by guarantee in 1998 and has charitable status.

School type proposed - Co-educational, multi-denominational post-primary school.

Demographic details

The total enrolment for the 2012/13 school year in the 5 post primary schools in the feeder area is 2,836 pupils.

Enrolment for the feeder area is projected to grow to approximately 4,583 pupils by 2023 based on a 100% intake in the feeder area. **This is a potential 1,747 extra pupils.**

The current intake pattern in post-primary schools in the feeder area is 128%. At this level of intake, enrolment would increase to approximately 5,896 pupils by 2023. **This is a potential 3,060 extra pupils.**

However, one of the post-primary schools in the feeder area is a fee-charging school and an analysis of its enrolments shows that approximately 53% of its students come from outside the feeder area. Therefore, this school distorts the intake pattern at post primary-level in the feeder area and the number of post-primary places available for pupils by inflating both.

In the circumstances, it is reasonable to exclude a portion of pupil places in the school when determining the number of places available for pupils in the feeder area and when establishing the number of places needed overall in the feeder area. This has been rounded to 50% or 176 pupil places (based on the 2012/13 enrolment in the school, which is 353 pupils)

This gives us a net position of potential places needed in the feeder area overall based on a 100% intake of 4,407 places. In terms of additional potential places needed based on these demographics and, again, at a 100% rate of intake, the total additional places expected to be needed is 1,571.

Assessment of applications

1. Requirements - has the applicant patron confirmed that it will comply with the requirements as set out (tick if yes)?

	Cork Education and Training Board (Cork ETB) and the Diocese of Cloyne	Educate Together
Is willing to accept and open special education facilities	√	√
Is willing to enter into the standard lease agreement with the Department of Education & Skills or that the prospective patron will provide their own site	√	√
Is willing to operate by the rules and regulations laid down in various Department of Education & Skills circulars and operating procedures	√	√
Is willing to operate the school within the resourcing and policy parameters established by the Department of Education & Skills	√	√
Is willing to share school buildings with other schools as may be determined by the Department should the school building not be in full use	√	√
Is willing to be part of a campus development with other primary or second-level schools as identified by the Department	√	√
Is willing to enrol children in the area for whom the Department has identified the need for a school	√	√
Is willing to follow the prescribed curriculum	√	√
Is willing to expand/ operate in the size range of 800 to 1,000 pupils (a lower threshold of 400 would apply for Gaelcholáistí having regard to the alternative of establishing an Aonad within a school)	√	√
Is willing to establish an Aonad where there is demand for it (for a school where the primary medium of instruction is to be English)	√	√

2. Multiple Provider Areas - Criteria for deciding on patronage where there is currently at least one second level school

Will the establishment of the proposed school result in greater diversity and plurality of second level school patronage and provision in the area (having regard to neighbouring areas) where there is demand for such diversity and plurality. In this context individual patron bodies from the one faith group will be regarded as representing the same school patronage type for assessing plurality.

There are currently five post-primary schools in the Midleton/Carrigtohill feeder area. Three schools have a Catholic ethos, all three are single-sex schools. One is a mixed, multi-denominational school and the other is a mixed, Church of Ireland, fee-charging school.

Cork ETB and the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne - Co-educational, designated community college with a Catholic ethos.

The establishment of a new school under the model proposed by Cork ETB with the involvement of the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne will not result in greater diversity and plurality in the area because the proposed school will have a Catholic ethos and 3 of the schools in the area already have a Catholic ethos. However, as all 3 of these Catholic schools are single-sex facilities, the new school proposed by this applicant would widen co-educational provision in the area.

Educate Together - Co-educational, multi-denominational post-primary school.

While there is a multi-denominational post-primary school in the feeder area and 2 in the adjoining feeder areas, none of these are under the patronage of Educate Together. Therefore, the model of patronage proposed by Educate Together will widen and strengthen diversity in the area. It will also widen co-educational provision.

Details of Current Post-Primary Schools in the Midleton/Carrigtwohill Feeder Area

Roll No	School Name	Ethos		Patron	Medium of Instruction	2012/13 Total Enrolment	% in school of Total Area Enrolment
62140P	St Aloysius College, Carrigtwohill (All Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Poor Servants of the Mother of God	English	693	24%
62360G	Christian Brothers Secondary School (All Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	Christian Brothers	English	600	21%
62370J	Midleton College (Fee-charging)	Denominational	Church of Ireland	Midleton College Board of Governors	English	353	12%
62380M	St Mary's High School (All Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Presentation Sisters	English	626	22%
71050P	St Colman's Community College	Non-designated Community College	Multi-denominational	Cork ETB	English	564	20%
Total						2836	100%

% of Total Enrolment by Ethos	
Multi-denominational	20%
Catholic	67%
Church of Ireland (Fee-charging)	12%

Midleton Carrigtwohill Feeder Areas										Detailed Enrolment: 2012/2013							
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	Current Transfer Rate 128%												
					03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	Historic 5 Year Trend	Historic 10 Year Trend	1 st Yr	2 nd Yr	3 rd Yr	TY	5 th Yr	6 th Yr	Total	PLC
62140P	St Aloysius College, Carrigtwohill (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Poor Servants of the Mother of God	588	674	693	19	105	120	123	139	94	108	109	693	0
62360G	Christian Brothers Secondary School (Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	Christian Brothers	426	504	600	96	174	91	125	92	110	103	79	600	0
62370J	Midleton College (Fee-charging)	Denominational	Church of Ireland	Midleton College Board of Governors	271	306	353	47	82	68	62	65	64	46	48	353	0
62380M	St Mary's High School (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Presentation Sisters	585	567	626	59	41	115	100	116	83	109	103	626	0
71050P	St Colman's Community College	Non-designated Community College	Multi-denominational	Cork ETB	467	477	564	87	97	129	98	103	49	96	89	564	112
Total					2337	2528	2836			523	508	515	400	462	428	2836	112

Primary School Details – Midleton/Carrigtwohill Feeder Area

There are 20 primary schools in the Midleton/Carrigtwohill feeder area. The total enrolment of these schools has grown by 1961 pupils since 2003/04. 18 of these schools are Catholic in ethos, 1 school has a Church of Ireland ethos, and 1 school has a Multi-Denominational ethos. 19 schools are teaching through the medium of English and 1 teaches through the medium of Irish.

Primary Schools Midleton Carrigtwohill PP Feeder Area									Detailed Enrolment: 2012/2013								
Roll No	Name	Ethos	Medium of Instruction	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	Historic 5 Year Trend	Historic 10 Year Trend	Jun Inf	Sen Inf	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
00512D	Midleton Convent N S	Catholic	English	471	626	666	40	195	127	149	59	61	67	76	63	64	666
02452V	Cloyne B N S	Catholic	English	144	189	218	29	74	30	29	33	28	28	17	21	32	218
04118T	Leamlara Mixed N S	Catholic	English	62	84	125	41	63	28	17	14	23	11	10	10	12	125
04230N	Scoil Naomh Eoin	Catholic	English	100	107	106	-1	6	15	11	13	15	15	13	12	12	106
11992I	Whitegate Mixed N S	Catholic	English	97	121	110	-11	13	15	11	11	12	15	20	8	18	110
12041G	St John The Baptist N S	Church of Ireland	English	160	207	219	12	59	28	27	28	26	28	27	27	28	219
13402R	Knockraha N S	Catholic	English	60	99	130	31	70	19	14	17	19	18	14	15	14	130
13647B	Castlemartyr N S	Catholic	English	103	138	194	56	91	31	29	29	25	21	22	21	16	194
15165Q	Ballintotas N S	Catholic	English	88	118	138	20	50	16	12	22	20	16	21	18	13	138
16109L	Scoil Realt Na Mara	Catholic	English	93	110	97	-13	4	17	7	13	14	15	7	13	11	97
16684W	Scoil Na Mbraithre	Catholic	English	276	343	320	-23	44	0	0	37	51	54	60	57	61	320
17103E	St Marys Convent G	Catholic	English	204	286	399	113	195	71	64	49	49	40	49	43	34	399
17579H	S N Ath Fhada	Catholic	English	101	150	259	109	158	42	37	45	38	25	29	20	23	259
17600S	S N Na Scairte Leithe	Catholic	English	139	251	323	72	184	48	53	28	54	25	51	23	23	305
17950W	Shanagarry N S	Catholic	English	71	92	100	8	29	11	13	14	14	15	11	10	12	100
18000W	Naomh Mhuire B	Catholic	English	172	257	332	75	160	53	55	45	41	50	34	32	22	332
18475A	S N Baile Ui Chroinin	Catholic	English	37	26	22	-4	-15	3	2	4	5	2	2	3	1	22
19761G	Dungourney Central N Sc	Catholic	English	109	151	201	50	92	27	37	30	22	23	22	29	11	201
20107G	Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann	Catholic	Irish	141	304	417	113	276	64	61	55	56	53	47	47	34	417
20336V	Midleton Educate Together National School	Multi-denominational	English	0	19	213	194	213	56	32	25	23	21	24	14	12	207
Total				2,628	3,678	4,589			701	660	571	596	542	556	486	453	4565
Total Jun vs Sen									2,528			2,037					

The discrepancy in the total enrolment for 12/13, and the total figure for the Detailed Enrolment 2012/2013 figures for some schools may be explained by the exclusion of certain categories of student from figures under each class group.

Post-Primary School Details – Post-Primary Feeder Areas Adjoining Middleton/Carrigtwohill

Are there post-primary schools of the same or similar patronage in neighbouring catchment areas?

Middleton/Carrigtwohill is adjoined by 4 feeder areas namely:

Cobh, Riverstown/Glanmire, Youghal and Fermoy

Enrolments in the Riverstown/Glanmire and Fermoy feeder areas have increased while enrolments in the other 2 areas, Cobh and Youghal are stable.

There are 8 post-primary schools in these surrounding feeder areas. All are in the free education scheme, 6 are Catholic and the other 2 are multi-denominational schools.

Cobh Feeder Area										Detailed Enrolment: 2012/2013								
Current Transfer Rate 71%																		
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	Historic Year Trend	Historic 10 Year Trend	1 st Yr	2 nd Yr	3 rd Yr	TY	5 th Yr	6 th Yr	Total	PLC	Distance to Middleton/Carrigtwohill (Approx)
62180E	Coláiste Muire	Denominational	Catholic	Presentation Brothers and Mercy Sisters	597	522	583	61	-14	100	101	98	79	111	94	583	0	15 km
70970G	Cobh Community College	Non-designated Community College	Multi-denominational	Cork ETB	227	237	196	-41	-31	46	39	16	16	41	38	196	78	
Total					824	759	779	20	-45	146	140	114	95	152	132	779	78	

Riverstown Glanmire Feeder Area										Detailed Enrolment: 2012/2013								
Current Transfer Rate 87%																		
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	Historic Year Trend	Historic 10 Year Trend	1 st Yr	2 nd Yr	3 rd Yr	TY	5 th Yr	6 th Yr	Total	PLC	Distance to Middleton/Carrigtwohill (Approx)
62301N	Colaiste An Phiarsaigh	Denominational	Catholic	Gaelachas Teo	438	555	540	-15	102	90	90	88	113	81	78	540	0	17 km
76064F	Glanmire Community College	Designated Community College	Catholic	Cork ETB + Catholic Bishop of Cork and Ross	787	662	873	211	86	184	161	166	109	128	125	873	0	
Total					1225	1217	1413	196	188	274	251	254	222	209	203	1413	0	

Youghal Feeder Area							Detailed Enrolment: 2012/2013											
Current Transfer Rate 68%																		
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	Historic 5 Year Trend	Historic 10 Year Trend	1 st Yr	2 nd Yr	3 rd Yr	TY	5 th Yr	6 th Yr	Total	PLC	Distance to Midleton/Carrigtwohill (Approx)
91513S	Pobalscoil na Tríonóide	Inter Denominational	Catholic	Cork ETB, Loreto & Christian Brothers	914	898	838	-60	-76	148	147	166	93	124	160	838	0	31 km
Total					914	898	838	-60	-76	148	147	166	93	124	160	838	0	

Fermoy Feeder Area							Detailed Enrolment: 2012/2013											
Current Transfer Rate 103%																		
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	Historic 5 Year Trend	Historic 10 Year Trend	1 st Yr	2 nd Yr	3 rd Yr	TY	5 th Yr	6 th Yr	Total	PLC	Distance to Midleton/Carrigtwohill (Approx)
62260C	Coláiste Cholmáin (Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	Bishop of Cloyne	368	380	422	42	54	84	71	79	53	85	50	422	0	30 km
62270F	Loreto Secondary School (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Mercy Sisters	653	629	627	-2	-26	90	116	115	89	115	102	627	0	
70990M	Coláiste an Chraoibhin	Non-designated Community College	Multi-denominational	Cork ETB	405	438	553	115	148	127	94	105	47	100	80	553	95	
Total					1426	1447	1602	155	176	301	281	299	189	300	232	1602	95	

Has the patron/ prospective patron provided detail on planned mechanisms to ensure that the proposed school will expand to the size range of 1000 pupils (or 400 pupils for a Gaelchóláiste), including:

- **planned possible measures if expansion is not happening as fast as planned**
- **planned collaboration with existing second-level schools in the catchment areas**

Cork ETB with the involvement of the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne:

Will:

- Offer the broadest curriculum possible
- If necessary work with some of the other schools/colleges under the patronage of Cork ETB to secure access to specialist personnel and accommodations.

Educate Together

Will address these issues by:

- Reviewing enrolment policy and procedures

- Reviewing any catchment area regulations
- Carrying out outreach campaigns to sections of the community with low awareness of the school.
- Reviewing school communications to ensure that there are high levels of understanding of the school in the community.
- Working with the Department to address any issues as promptly as possible.

3. Parental Preferences

Cork ETB & Catholic Bishop of Cloyne – 1111 Children on list

Table A

Middleton Carrigtwohill Feeder Area								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	98	109	86	110	146	107	656	288

Table B

Adjoining Feeder Areas:								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	7	13	6	12	16	4	58	13

Table C

Outside any of the above:								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	0	1	2	0	1	1	5	1

Notes:

The following records have not been included in the above tables;

- **61** children who are already in a post-primary school pre 2016. These have been excluded because the development of a new school is not intended to impact on existing schools.
- **4** invalid as no dates of birth provided.
- **8** invalid as invalid dates of birth provided
- **17** where an address was not provided
- The data contained in Tables B and C **have not** been included for the purposes of establishing the valid parental preferences for the school because provision for these pupils is made within their own feeder areas, and consequently, schools in those areas would be

adversely impacted if accommodation was made available for these pupils in the new school. The data were analysed to distinguish between the demand in the Midleton/Carrigtohill feeder area and outside of it.

- The “total” column immediately after the “2021” column represents the parental preferences for a full six-year cycle in the new school. Parental preferences for places post 2021 would represent first year intakes at that time and for subsequent years combined. It would not, therefore, be accurate to use the overall number of parental preferences provided by the applicant as an indicator of the likely size of school needed.

Educate Together – 544 Children on list

Table A

Midleton Carrigtohill Feeder Area								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	32	26	45	46	51	65	265	118

Table B

Adjoining Feeder Areas:								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	4	6	4	3	4	9	30	16

Table C

Outside any of the above:								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	5	4	6	8	5	7	35	9

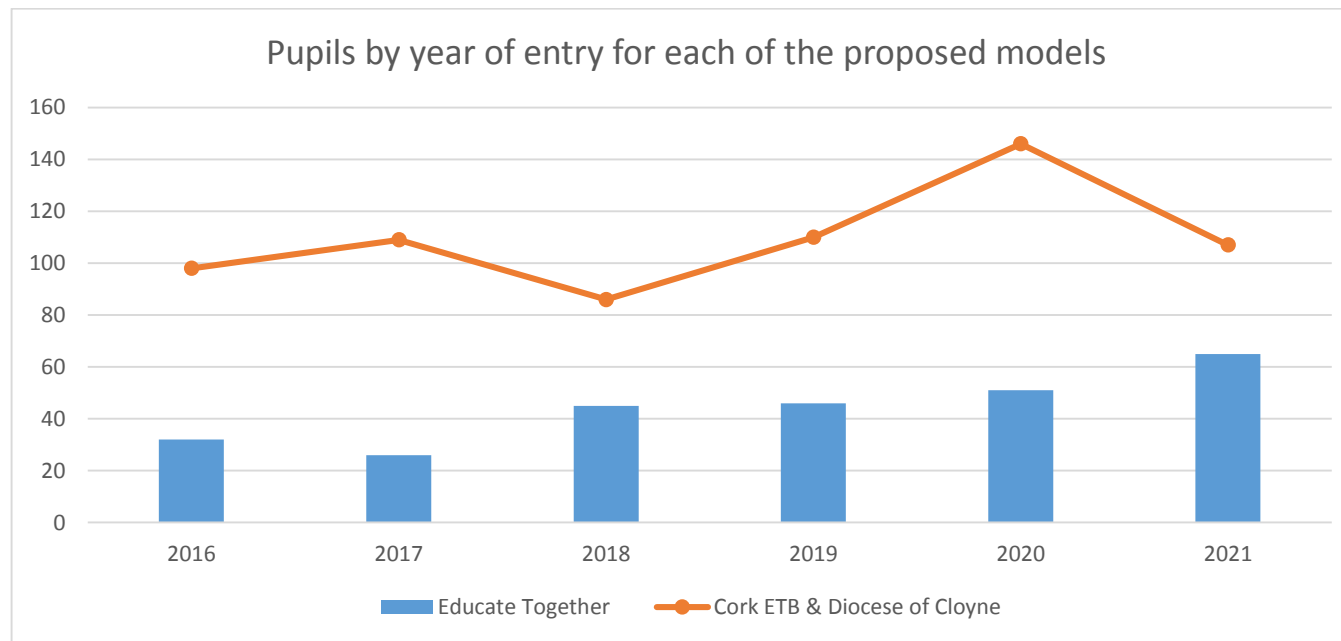
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The following is the potential growth path for each model based on the parental preferences presented by the applicants:



4. Conclusions

Based on an assessment of the applications received, confirmation of compliance with the criteria, assessment of existing school provision and how the proposed school would result in greater diversity, and taking into account parental demand make a recommendation on patronage for the proposed new school in the area.

- The parental demand for a new Catholic post-primary school is strong and the establishment of the proposed school under Educate Together patronage would leave a very significant level of unmet demand for Catholic post-primary school places.
- The level of enrolment in Catholic primary schools in the feeder area demonstrates that there will be a shortage of Catholic post-primary places in the feeder area, which corresponds with the level of parental preferences presented with the application from the Cork ETB and the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne.
- The establishment of a further Catholic post-primary school would not widen diversity in either the feeder area or adjoining feeder areas. However, it would widen co-educational provision in the feeder area.
- The demand for the Educate Together school model, while not as strong as that for a Catholic school, is still significant and an appreciable level of parental demand for this model would remain unmet with the establishment of a further Catholic school.
- The establishment of an Educate Together post-primary school model would widen diversity in the area and increase co-educational provision.

5. Other information

The information in this section relates to the patronage determination process regarding the proposed new post-primary school for the Cork South Suburbs/Carrigaline feeder area, which is relevant as it is adjacent to the Midleton/Carrigtohill feeder area.

Under the current patronage determination process, the Department is recommending that two new 600 pupil post-primary schools be established to meet the demand for extra post-primary pupil places in the Cork South Suburbs/Carrigaline area. It is further recommending that the Edmund Rice Schools Trust be awarded the patronage of one of the schools with Educate Together being awarded patronage of the other.

The Department is of the view that the demographics supports this development and that this solution ensures that the significant level of parental demand in the Cork South Suburbs/Carrigaline area for each of the models proposed can be addressed.

The Department is conscious that the new Educate Together post-primary school in the Cork South Suburbs/Carrigaline feeder area is likely to meet some unmet demand for this type of provision from beyond that immediate feeder area, including potentially some demand from the Midleton/Carrigtohill area.

This factor has relevance to the recommendation being made for the patronage of the new school for Midleton/Carrigtohill.

6. Recommendation

The Department is satisfied the level of parental demand for a new Catholic post-primary school for the Midleton/Carrigtohill feeder area would support a viable school. The Department is further satisfied that the level of parental demand for Catholic places presented by the Cork Education and Training Board and the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne is additional demand, which will not displace pupils from existing schools. In addition, the level of unmet demand for Catholic places would far outweigh the level of unmet demand for Educate Together post-primary school places.

In the circumstances, the Department recommends that the patronage of the new post-primary school for Midleton/Carrigtohill school should be awarded to the Cork Education and Training Board (with the involvement of the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne).

**Forward Planning Section
October, 2013**

Proposed Post-Primary School Midleton-Carrigtwohill



Legend

- Post-Primary Schools
- Primary Schools
- CSO Town Boundary
- Post-Primary Feeder Area

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