

Attachment No. 5 to Report



Forward Planning Section Report To The New Schools Establishment Group New Post-Primary Schools 2015/2016

Location: Ballinteer/Stepaside, Dublin (map attached)

Year Required: 2016

School Size required: Long term projected need up to 1000 pupils

Medium of Instruction: English

Applications Received

Two applications were received to establish the new post-primary school for Ballinteer/Stepaside Co. Dublin. A brief profile of each applicant together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out hereunder:

Applicant: Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)

Applicant Profile

Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) is a new entity, established on July 1st 2013 through the amalgamation of the County Dublin and Dun Laoghaire VECs. It provides education services and supports for children, young people and adults. The DDLETB administrative area covers Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown. The application states that the DDLETB has 35 schools under its patronage currently. 25 of these schools are said to be at post-primary level, however, 24 post-primary schools are listed in the application. The remainder of the schools are post leaving certificate course providers and primary schools. The DDLETB is also joint patron of 17 community schools.

School Type Proposed

DDLETB proposes a co-educational, multi-denominational, non-designated Community College.

Applicant: Educate Together

Applicant Profile

Educate Together is the representative organisation of the 58 Educate Together National Schools throughout the Country, and it is patron of 45 of these schools. 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 the 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

Multi-Denominational, co-educational post primary school.

Demographic details

The 2012/13 total enrolment in the post-primary schools in the Ballinteer/Stepaside feeder area is 1,756. Enrolment for the feeder area is projected to grow to approximately **3,825** pupils by 2023 based on a 100% intake rate at post-primary level. **This is a potential 2,069 extra pupils.**

However, the current intake pattern at post-primary level in the Ballinteer/Stepaside feeder area is 80%. Based on this level of intake, enrolment would increase to approximately **3,072** pupils by 2023. **This is a potential 1,316 extra pupils.**

Assessment of applications

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

	DDLETB	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 four post-primary schools in the Ballinteer/Stepaside feeder area:

- 2 schools have a Catholic ethos
- 1 fee-charging single-sex girls' school also has Catholic ethos
- 1 fee-charging school has a Methodist ethos

DDLETB:

The post-primary school model proposed by the DDLETB will be a multi-denominational, non-designated community college.

The establishment of a post-primary school under this model by DDLETB will provide for greater diversity at post primary level in the Ballinteer/Stepaside area.

Educate Together:

The post primary school model proposed by the Educate Together will be a multi-denominational, co-educational post-primary school.

The establishment of a post-primary school under this model by Educate Together will provide for greater diversity at post-primary level in the Ballinteer/Stepaside area.

Adjoining feeder area:

Currently there is no multi-denominational post-primary school in the feeder areas surrounding the Ballinteer/Stepaside feeder area. Therefore, the models proposed by both applicants will provide diversity in the area.

Details of Current Post-Primary Schools in the Ballinteer/Stepaside Feeder Area							
Roll No	School Name	Ethos		Patron	Medium of Instruction	2012/13 Total Enrolment	% Enrolment by Patron
60160L	Notre Dame Secondary School (Fee Charging-Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Notre Dame Schools Trust	English	181	10.3%
61010U	Wesley College (Fee Charging)	Denominational	Methodist	Wesley College Methodist Board of Governors	English	889	50.6%
91305L	Ballinteer Community School	Interdenominational	Catholic	Archbishop of Dublin, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB & Brigidine Sisters and Carmelite Order	English	357	20.3%
91343T	St. Tiernan's Community School	Interdenominational	Catholic	Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB, Carmelite Order & Faithful Companions of Jesus	English	329	18.7%
Total						1756	100%

Patron	% of Total by Patron		Ethos	% of Total Enrolment by Ethos
Notre Dame Schools Trust	10.3%		Catholic	49.4%
Wesley College Methodist Board of Governors	50.6%		Methodist	50.6%
Dublin, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB & Brigidine Sisters and Carmelite Order	20.3%			
Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB,Carmelite Order & Faithful Companions of Jesus	18.7%			

Post Primary School Details – Ballinteer/Stepaside Post-Primary Feeder Area

Ballinteer / Stepside Feeder Area									Detailed Enrolment 2012/2013							
Current Transfer Rate 80%																
Roll No	Name	Ethos	Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	5 Year Tren	10 Year Tren	1 st Yr	2 nd Yr	3 rd Yr	TY	5 th Yr	6 th Yr	Total Mainstream	PLC
60160L	Notre Dame Secondary School (Fee Charging-Girls)	Catholic	Notre Dame Schools Trust	204	220	181	-39	-23	25	24	33	42	34	23	181	0
61010U	Wesley College (Fee Charging)	Methodist	Wesley College Methodist Board of Governors	883	874	889	15	6	143	173	123	160	137	153	889	0
91305L	Ballinteer Community School	Catholic	Archbishop of Dublin, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB & Brigidine Sisters and Carmelite Order	400	306	357	51	-43	66	69	67	40	63	52	357	0
91343T	St. Tiernan's Community School	Catholic	Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB,Carmelite Order & Faithful Companions of Jesus	311	323	329	6	18	45	68	71	13	68	64	329	16
		Totals		1,798	1,723	1,756	33	-42	279	334	294	255	302	292	1,756	16

Primary School Details – Ballinteer/Stepaside Post-Primary Feeder Area

There are 13 primary schools in the Ballinteer/Stepaside feeder area. The total enrolment of these schools has grown by 565 pupils since 2003/04. 12 of these schools have a Catholic ethos and 1 school has a Multidenominational ethos.

12 of the schools teach through the medium of English and 1 school teaches through the medium of Irish.

Primary Schools Ballinteer / Stepaside PP Feeder Area										Detailed Enrolment 2012/13							
Roll No	Name	Ethos	Language	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	5 Year Trend	10 Year Trend	Junior Infant	Senior Infant	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	4th Class	5th Class	6th Class	Total
00729F	Clochar Loreto NS	Catholic	English	537	506	520	14	-	59	70	59	73	72	60	64	63	520
02872U	Sandyford Mxd NS	Catholic	English	97	126	226	100	1	32	43	27	28	21	29	20	26	226
19314E	Scoil Na Maighdine Mhuire Boys	Catholic	English	163	154	205	51	42	31	30	29	27	29	20	22	17	205
19396J	Na Maighdine Muire Girls	Catholic	English	180	191	249	58	69	30	38	34	28	38	26	31	24	249
19437U	Scoil Naithi	Catholic	English	230	239	236	-3	6	31	31	30	29	29	28	28	30	236
19537B	St Attracta's Junior Ns	Catholic	English	370	328	327	-1	-	86	82	84	75	0	0	0	0	327
19574H	Marley Grange Ns	Catholic	English	454	456	482	26	28	66	59	60	56	61	57	61	62	482
19716B	St Attracta's Senior Ns	Catholic	English	387	350	348	-2	-	0	0	0	0	90	83	88	87	348
19723V	Queen Of Angels Primary School	Catholic	English	336	318	255	-63	-	33	27	24	26	39	40	21	45	255
19945Q	Rathfarnham Educate Together	Multidenominational	English	221	216	224	8	3	29	30	29	26	28	27	27	28	224
20020R	Gaelscoil Thaobh Na Coille	Catholic	Irish	201	233	354	121	1	64	55	58	53	33	26	32	33	354
20190T	Holy Trinity National School	Catholic	English	0	103	295	192	2	46	42	51	49	32	29	24	22	295
20400E	Ballinteer Educate Together NS	Multidenominational	English	0	0	20	20	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
		Totals		3,176	3,220	3,741	521	5	527	507	485	470	472	425	418	437	3,741
		Jun vs Sen								1,989			1,752				

Post Primary School Details – Post-Primary Feeder Areas Adjoining Ballinteer/Stepaside

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

The Ballinteer/Stepaside feeder area is surrounded by three post-primary feeder areas. Of these areas, one has experienced some growth in recent years; another area has stable enrolment, while the third has shown a slight decrease in enrolment.

There are 19 post-primary schools in the feeder areas in question. 17 are Catholic schools (5 of which are fee-charging). The remaining 2 schools are Church of Ireland schools (both of which are fee-charging). There is no multi-denominational, English-medium post-primary school in the adjoining feeder areas. Additionally 14 of the 19 schools are single sex facilities. The enrolment details for these schools are contained in the table below:

Surrounding Feeder Areas										Detailed Enrolment 2012/2013									
Rathfarnham PP Feeder Area																			
Current Transfer Rate 153%																			
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	5 Year Trend	10 Year Trend	1st Yr	2nd Yr	3rd Yr	TY	5th Yr	6th Yr	Total M'str eam	PLC	Distance Ballinteer Stepaside (Approx.)	to
60310E	Da La Salle College (Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	De La Salle Brothers	288	321	358	37	70	69	65	73	58	53	40	358	0	4.2km	
60320H	St Columba's College (Fee Charging)	Denominational	Church of Ireland	St Columba's College Body of Fellows	300	298	277	-21	-23	34	32	35	72	62	42	277	0		
60321J	Rockbrook Park School (Fee Charging-Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	FamEd	143	132	140	8	-3	14	32	27	19	21	27	140	0		
60340N	Loreto High School (Fee Charging-Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Loreto Order	613	612	609	-3	-4	94	111	104	111	98	91	609	0		
60341P	Sancta Maria College (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Mercy Sisters	600	487	476	-11	-124	67	105	95	72	65	72	476	0		
60342R	Colaiste Eanna (Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	Christian Brothers	437	489	573	84	136	108	90	90	97	94	94	573	0		
60860Q	Our Ladys School (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Religious of Christian Education	715	738	744	6	29	120	120	120	120	137	127	744	0		
91510M	St. Colmcille's Community School	Interdenominational	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop of Dublin & Carmelite Order & Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB	501	700	716	16	215	120	120	119	123	117	117	716	0		
		Totals			3,597	3,777	3,893	116	296	626	675	663	672	647	610	3,893	0		

Surrounding Feeder Areas										Detailed Enrolment 2012/2013									
Goatstown/Stillorgan PP Feeder Area																			
Current Transfer Rate 111%																			
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	5 Year Trend	10 Year Trend	1st Yr	2nd Yr	3rd Yr	TY	5th Yr	6th Yr	Total M'steam	PLC	Distance Ballinteer Stepside (Approx.) to /	
60140F	Mount Anville Secondary School (Fee Charging-Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Soc. Of the Sacred Heart	642	658	611	-47	-31	99	106	101	108	101	96	611	0	4.39km	
60261R	St Benildus College (Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	De La Salle Brothers	697	689	732	43	35	134	135	144	106	124	89	732	0		
60361V	St Raphaela's Secondary School (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Handmaids of the Sacred Heart	416	412	451	39	35	86	89	77	53	91	55	451	0		
60891E	Jesus and Mary College (Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Religious of Jesus and Mary	437	377	371	-6	-66	71	62	57	65	59	57	371	0		
		Totals			2,192	2,136	2,165	29	-27	390	392	379	332	375	297	2,165	0		

Surrounding Feeder Areas										Detailed Enrolment 2012/2013									
Sallynoggin / Killiney PP Feeder Area																			
Current Transfer Rate 111%																			
Roll No	Name	Ethos		Patron	03/04 Enr	08/09 Enr	12/13 Enr	5 Year Trend	10 Year Trend	1st Yr	2nd Yr	3rd Yr	TY	5th Yr	6th Yr	Total M'steam	PLC	Distance Ballinteer Stepside (Approx.)	to /
60090Q	Rathdown School (Fee Charging-Girls)	Denominational	Church of Ireland	Rathdown School Trust	367	400	311	-89	-56	44	46	62	49	65	45	311	0	8.3km	
60092U	Clonkeen College (Boys)	Denominational	Catholic	Christian Brothers	473	516	515	-1	42	90	92	89	85	84	75	515	0		
60240J	Loreto College (Fee Charging-Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	Loreto Order	684	671	653	-18	-31	108	108	129	108	113	87	653	0		
60260P	St Joseph Of Cluny (Fee Charging-Girls)	Denominational	Catholic	St Joseph of Cluny Sisters	448	458	418	-40	-30	52	68	79	73	72	74	418	0		
60262T	St Laurence College	Denominational	Catholic	The Marianists	502	477	367	-110	-135	41	57	53	41	60	115	367	0		
91310E	Cabinteely Community School	Interdenominational	Catholic	Presentation Sisters, Archbishop of Dublin & Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB	572	502	497	-5	-75	101	85	85	59	80	87	497	39		
91330K	Holy Child Community School	Interdenominational	Catholic	Society of the Holy Child Jesus	311	249	282	33	-29	50	51	43	39	55	44	282	0		
		Totals			3,357	3,273	3,043	-230	-314	486	507	540	454	529	527	3,043	0		

Has the patron/ prospective patron provided detail on planned mechanisms to ensure that the proposed school will expand to the size range of 800 to 1,000 pupils (or 400 pupils for a Gaelchólaíste), including:

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

DDLETB:

The applicant refers to partnerships with major stakeholders in its administrative area, public bodies, students, parents and local primary schools. It advises that as joint patron of existing community schools, it already collaborates with other patron bodies involved on an on-going basis. It refers to its years of experience in the education sector and collaboration with the Department, and advises that the services provided by DDLETB in its existing schools will be extended to the new school if it is established under the patronage of DDLETB. It states that it proposes to offer a broad curriculum to students from the outset. The possibility of using teachers for some hours from other DDLETB schools for the provision of specialist subjects (music, technology, science etc.) has already been used for new and developing schools in particular. Other DDLETB schools will be available to share facilities should the need arise in the start-up phase.

Educate Together:

The applicant states that it would work with the school, other schools and patrons in the area and the Department to address the issue of expansion if necessary. It states that it would consider a number of measures including; review of enrolment policy and procedures; review of any catchment area regulations; outreach campaigns; review of school communications; and if necessary shared usage. It states that partnership and community involvement are at the core of its ethos and it supports the idea of positive and constructive engagement with schools and other organisations in the community.

3. Parental Preferences

Details of parental demand demonstrated by each applicant patron

Educate Together -1359 Children on List

Table A								
Ballinteer / Stepside Feeder Area								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	15	20	17	19	39	55	165	240
Table B								
Adjoining Feeder Areas								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	11	10	10	21	24	31	107	118
Table C								
Outside Any of the Above								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	25	34	35	33	57	79	263	340

Notes:

The following records have not been included:

- 60 children who will be attending an existing Post Primary school in 2016
- 31 children for which no date of birth was provided, as it is not possible to confirm the year these children will start school or if they will be attending an existing post primary school by 2016
- 4 unborn children
- 25 entries where an incorrect DOB was provided
- 6 duplicate entries

- 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 Ballinteer/Stepaside 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 to be needed or to suggest that the overall number of parental preferences indicates that the demand would exceed the number of places being made available in the new school.

DDLETB- 16 Children on List

Table A								
Ballinteer / Stepaside Feeder Area								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year	1	3	1	3	1	0	9	2
Table B								
Adjoining Feeder Areas								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Post 2021
1st Year				1	1		2	

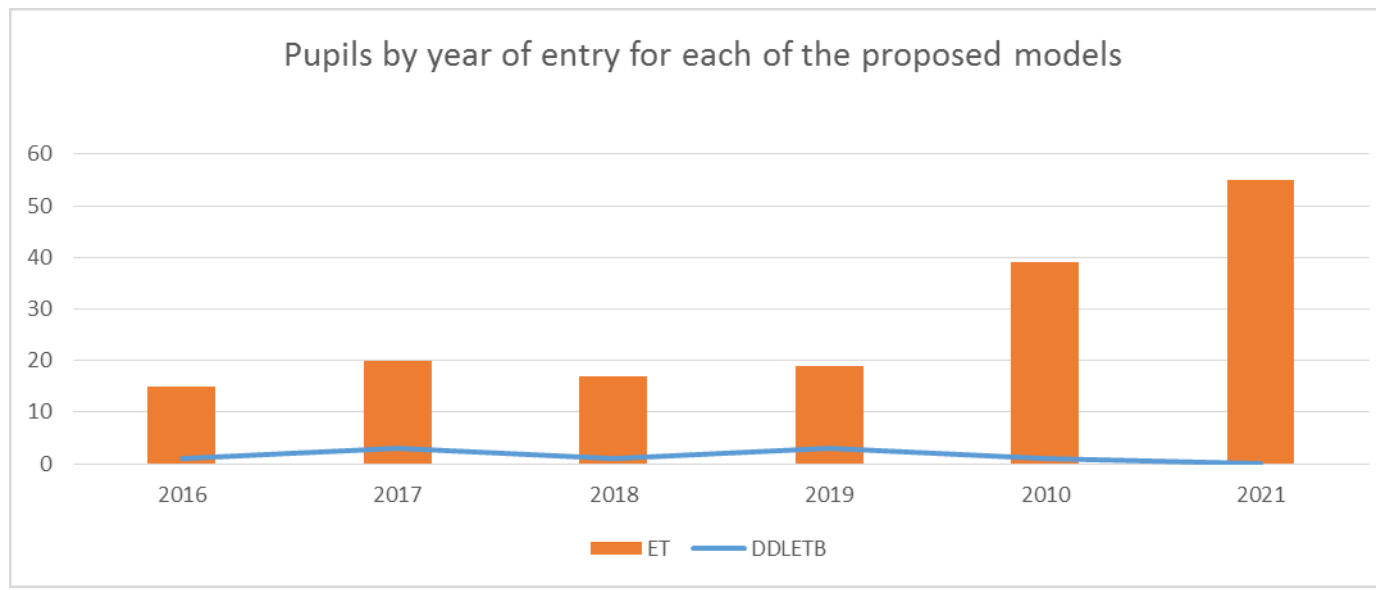
Notes:

The following records have not been included:

- 3 children who will be attending an existing Post Primary school in 2016
- The data contained in Table B **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. The data were analysed to distinguish between the demand in the Ballinteer/Srepaside 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 to be needed or to suggest that the overall number of parental preferences indicates that the demand would exceed the number of places being made available in the new school.

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



4. Conclusions

- Both applicants have agreed to comply with all of the relevant Department's requirements set out above.
- The school type proposed by both applicants would result in an expansion of diversity in the area.
- The parental preferences submitted with the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board application are not sufficient to result in a viable school.
- The parental preferences submitted with the Educate Together application are sufficiently strong to result in a viable school and the enrolment pattern strengthens as the years progress, suggesting an organic growth for the school.

5. Recommendation

The Department recommends that patronage for the new post-primary school to open in Ballinteer/Stepaside in 2016 should be awarded to Educate Together.

**Forward Planning Section
October 2013**

Proposed Post-Primary School Ballinteer / Stepside

