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New Primary Schools 2015

Patronage Assessment Report to the New Schools Establishment Group

Assessment report for: Greystones/Delgany – Attachment no. 2 to Report

**Forward Planning Section, Department of Education and Skills
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New primary Schools 2015 – Assessment of Applications for Patronage

School feeder area to be served: Greystones/Delgany – see map attached.

Location: The new school will be located in Greystones.

Year Required: 2015

School Size required: Long term projected need up 16 Classrooms (2 stream junior infant intake)

Applications Received: 2 applications were received to establish the new school in Greystones. A brief profile of each of the applicants together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out hereunder:

Educate Together

Profile of applicant

Educate Together is the representative organisation of the Educate Together schools and associations throughout the Country. The organisation became a company limited by guarantee in 1998 and has charitable status. It has a network of 73 primary schools. It became Patron at second level for the first time in September 2014.

School type proposed

Educate Together proposes a co-educational, multi-denominational, English medium school.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board

Profile of applicant

The Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board is a statutory body providing primary, post-primary and further and adult education. It has a range of other functions in relation to second chance education for early school leavers and long-term unemployed and those experiencing literacy difficulties. It is currently the patron in waiting of one community national school.

School type proposed

The Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board proposes a co-educational, multi-denominational, English medium Community National School.

Demographic information for the area

For the 2014/15 school year, 401 junior infants enrolled in primary schools in the Greystones/Delgany school feeder area.

For the 2015/16 school year, the demographics indicate that up to 465 junior infants will be seeking places.

This is an additional 64 junior infants over and above those enrolled for the 2014/15 school year.

All of the existing schools are at capacity.

Assessment of applications

1. Requirements

Has the applicant Patron(s) confirmed that they will comply with the requirements as set out: (comment if necessary in regard to any requirement)

- Is willing to accept and open special education facilities
- Is willing to have up to three streams subject to demand for the school
- Is willing to enter into the standard lease agreement with DES (or otherwise provide their own site)
- Is willing to operate by the rules and regulations laid down by various DES circulars and operating procedures and to follow the prescribed curriculum
- Is willing to operate the school within the resourcing and policy parameters established by the DES
- 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

Educate Together – the applicant has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements set out above.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board – the applicant has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements set out above.

2. Examination of current provision in the area versus school type proposed by applicant patron(s).

(a) Outline details of current number of schools in the area, ethos of schools, total number of pupils in existing schools, percentage of pupils by school type in existing schools, what percentage of children already attending school in the area attend a school of the same patronage as the applicant patron? (need to take into account the development already achieved by recently established schools of a particular patronage in the identified area and the potential for future growth of these schools, and the extent to which schools of similar patronage have already expanded to three streams subject to space on existing site etc.)

There are 7 primary schools in the Greystones/Delgany school feeder area. The breakdown is:

- 2 Church of Ireland English medium schools
- 3 Catholic English medium schools
- 1 multi-denominational Educate Together English medium school
- 1 inter denominational Gaelscoil under the patronage of An Foras Pátrúnacha teaching through the medium of Irish.

Details of current schools in the Greystones/Delgany feeder area (7)

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Gender	Patron	2014/15 Total Enrolment	% in school of Total Area Enrolment	Medium of Instruction
12554M	Greystones 2 N S	Church Of Ireland	Mixed	Church of Ireland Bishop	276	10%	English
13679O	Delgany N S	Church Of Ireland	Mixed	Church of Ireland Bishop	217	8%	English
16573N	St Brigid's School	Catholic	Mixed	Catholic Bishop	500	17%	English
17720F	Scoil Naomh Caoimhghin	Catholic	Mixed	Catholic Bishop	533	19%	English
19573F	St Laurences N S	Catholic	Mixed	Catholic Bishop	629	22%	English
20300A	Greystones Educate Together National School	Multi Denominational	Mixed	Educate Together	401	14%	English
20301C	Gaelscoil Na gCloch Liath	Inter Denominational	Mixed	Foras Pátrúnachta	312	11%	Irish
Total					2,868	100%	

Combining attendance data in the table: 18% of pupils attend Church of Ireland schools, 58% attend Catholic schools, 14% attend the multi-denominational school and 11% attend the all-Irish inter-denominational school.

By Class Group – 2014/15 Enrolments

Roll_No	School Name	Jnr	Snr	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
12554M	Greystones 2 N S	31	54	34	27	40	30	29	31	276
13679O	Delgany N S	30	30	29	24	27	24	27	26	217
16573N	St Brigid's School	60	64	74	60	60	60	53	69	500
17720F	Scoil Naomh Caoimhghin	60	84	71	60	63	60	63	65	526
19573F	St Laurences N S	87	105	81	80	70	70	69	61	623
20300A	Greystones Educate Together National School	67	65	56	60	31	56	31	29	395
20301C	Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath	66	64	64	33	33	31	18	3	312
	Totals	401	466	409	344	324	331	290	284	2,849
	Jnr V Snr	1,620				1,229				

Historic 5 & 10 Year Enrolment Trends

Roll Number	School Name	2005/06	2010/11	Preliminary 2014/15	5yr trend	10 yr trend
12554M	Greystones 2 N S	219	232	276	44	57
13679O	Delgany N S	224	218	217	-1	-7
16573N	St Brigid's School	311	476	500	24	189
17720F	Scoil Naomh Caoimhghin	461	506	533	27	72
19573F	St Laurences N S	509	548	629	81	120
20300A	Greystones Educate Together National School	0	152	401	249	401
20301C	Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath	0	87	312	225	312
	Total	1,724	2,219	2,868	649	1,144

(b) Will the applicant patron(s) provide a school with an ethos not already catered for in the area?

Educate Together: There is one Educate Together multi-denominational school in the feeder area. The ethos proposed by Educate Together is, therefore, already available in the area under the same patron.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board: There is one multi-denominational school in the feeder area, which operates under the patronage of Educate Together. Therefore, the ethos proposed by the ETB is already available. However, the model proposed is different in that it would be a community national school operating under the patronage of the ETB. This model of provision is not available in the area.

(c) The proximity of school(s) of similar ethos to those proposed by the applicant patron(s)

Educate Together: There is one Educate Together multi-denominational, English medium school in the feeder area. In the adjoining feeder area of Bray there is a multi-denominational English medium school under the patronage of Bray School Project Ltd, which is part of the Educate Together network.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board: There is no Community National School in the feeder area or in any of the adjoining feeder areas.

(d) Will the proposed school or schools under the prospective patron(s) provide for extending or strengthening diversity of provision in each area having regard to the views of parents?

Educate Together: This model will strengthen diversity of provision in the feeder area.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board: This model will both extend and strengthen diversity of provision in the feeder area.

(e) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that there is a demand for this type of school in the area (Comment on the applicant's demonstration of parental demand for the school type proposed. Take into consideration the extent or range of diversity offered across existing schools in the identified area, having regard to the views of parents)

The details of parental demand for the various models are set out below:

Educate Together

Educate Together provided details of **143** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 11 children are already in another school or will start school after September 2019.
- 31 children are from outside of the area to be served by the school.
- 7 pupils on the list have already accepted a place in the existing Educate Together School in Greystones.

All of these pupils have been deducted from the demand for the Educate Together model of provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

Greystones/Delgany Feeder Area						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Jnr Infant	17	26	26	20	5	94

Note:

There are 10 duplicates between the Educate Together list and the Kildare and Wicklow ETB list. While the names and addresses for the pupils concerned correspond, the applicant patrons may have provided different years of entry to school for some of the pupils. Provided the pupils in question reside within the area to be served by the school, they have been included in both lists in accordance with the year of entry provided by the relevant applicant patron body.

On the Kildare and Wicklow ETB list:

9 of the pupils concerned are in the feeder area and are included in the table above as follows:

- 3 in 2015
- 4 in 2016
- 1 in 2017
- 1 in 2018

1 pupil is from outside of the area to be served by the school. The year of entry to school for this pupil was 2015. The pupil has been excluded from the parental demand shown for that year by this applicant.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board.

The Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board provided details of **149** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 10 children are already in another school or will start school after September 2019.
- 1 child is not yet born – date of birth provided 20 July 2015.
- 2 children have no dates of birth provided
- 1 child has no address provided.
- 25 children are from outside the area to be served by the school.

All of these pupils have been deducted from the demand for the Education and Training Board model of provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

Greystones/Delgany Feeder Area						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Jnr Infant	27	24	23	21	15	110

Note: There are 10 duplicates between the Kildare and Wicklow ETB list and the Educate Together list. While, the names and addresses for the pupils concerned correspond, the applicant patrons may have provided different years of entry to school for some of the pupils. Provided the pupils in question reside within the area to be served by the school, they have been included in both lists in accordance with the year of entry provided by the relevant applicant patron body.

On the Educate Together list:

9 of the pupils concerned are in the feeder area and are included in the table above as follows:

- 4 in 2015
- 3 in 2016
- 1 in 2017
- 1 in 2018

1 pupil is from outside of the area to be served by the school. The year of entry to school for this pupil was 2015. The pupil has been excluded from the parental demand shown for that year by this applicant.

(f) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that the school will, as a priority, cater for children in the area in which the school is located (or an area defined by the DES)?

Educate Together - applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board – applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.

(g) If this area is to be served by a single school, can proposed school meet the needs of all pupils in the area?

N/A

3. Additional Information provided by applicants

N/A

4. Conclusions

- Both applicants have agreed to comply with the Department's requirements for the establishment of the new school as set out in the published criteria.
- The models of provision proposed by the applicants would strengthen multi-denominational provision in the area. The Community National School model would, however, also widen diversity and provide a model of provision that is not already available in either the Greystones/Delgany feeder area or any of the adjoining school feeder areas.
- The overall parental demand for each model is relatively comparable. However, the demand for the Education and Training Board model of provision is stronger overall.
- Parents supporting the Educate Together model of provision have that option open to them already.
- With regard to the views of parents, and the following criteria in particular for the establishment of new schools:
 - The extent or range of diversity of patronage offered across existing schools in the school feeder area concerned;
 - The proximity of school(s) of similar ethos to those proposed by the applicant patron(s);
 - How the proposed school under the respective patrons would provide for extending or strengthening diversity of provision in the feeder area;the Department concludes that patronage should be awarded to the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board.

5. Recommendation

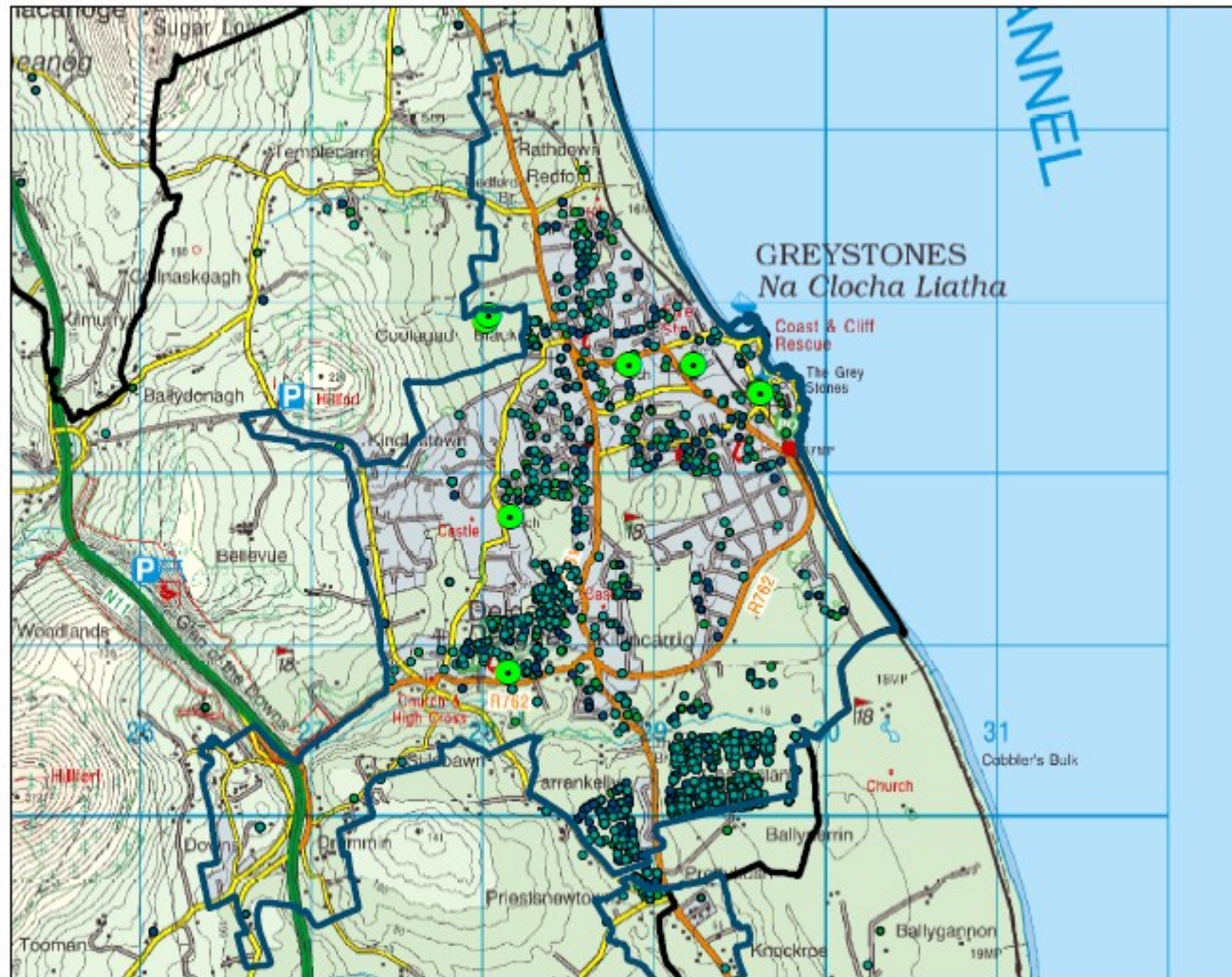
The Department recommends that patronage be awarded to the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board.

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Proposed Primary School Greystones/Delgany Feeder Area

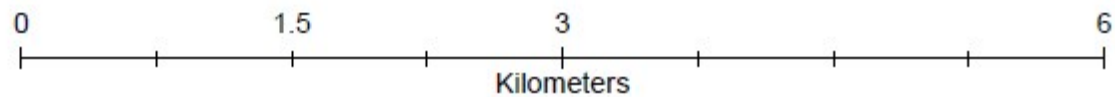
Legend

- Primary Schools
- Junior Infants 2015
- Junior Infants 2016
- Junior Infants 2017
- Junior Infants 2018
- CSO_Town_Boundaries
- Greystones/Delgany Feeder Area



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Proposed Primary School Greystones/Delgany Feeder Area

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