



Funding of New Primary Schools

New schools are generally granted provisional recognition at the outset and the question of permanent recognition is considered when the Department is satisfied that long-term viability has been demonstrated and that the school is operating in accordance with the Rules for National Schools.

A school which is granted recognition by the Minister for Education and Science is eligible for the following funding / services:

- **Payment of teachers' salaries**

[Primary Payments Section, Athlone (090)64 74621]

- **Capitation and other related grants**

[Central Funds Unit, Athlone (090)6474621]

- **Contribution towards interim accommodation**

[School Planning Section, Tullamore (057) 9324470/9324473]

- **Grants towards the provision of secretarial and**

caretaking services [Primary Administration Section, Athlone (090)6474621]

- **Transport Services** [Transport Section, Tullamore (057)9324356/9325404]

A school does not become eligible for capital funding until such time as it demonstrates viability and secures permanent recognition. In the event that permanent recognition is granted, interim accommodation will remain the patron's responsibility until the Department is in a position to provide permanent accommodation. The Department's capacity to meet the accommodation needs of any school is critically dependant on the competing needs of other primary schools.

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