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## **Patronage Assessment Report**

**School:** Booterstown\_Blackrock

**Level:** Primary

**Year:** 2019

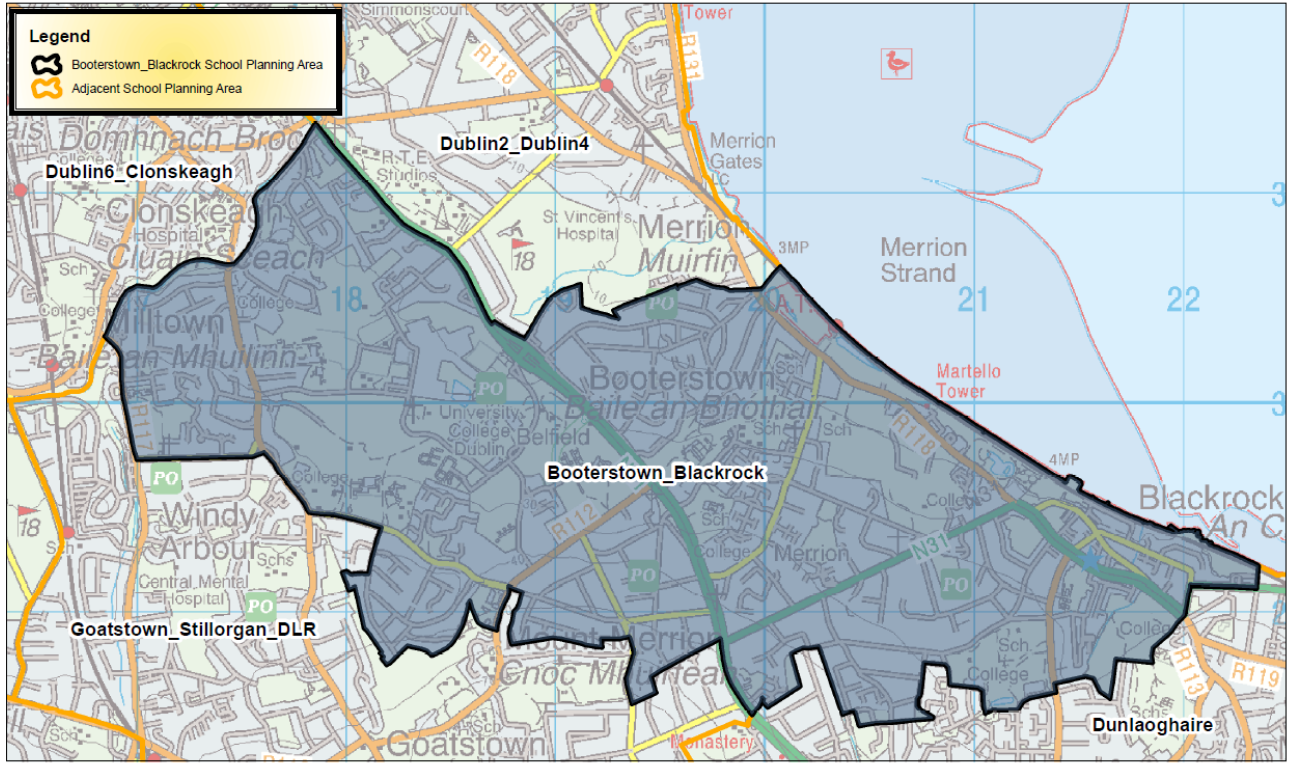
**Size:** 8 classrooms

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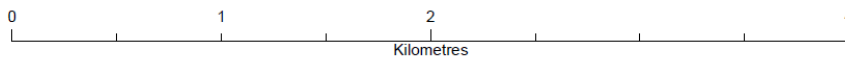
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# 1. School Planning Area Map

## Boosterstown\_Blackrock



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## 2. Applications Received

Six applications were received from applicant patrons in respect of this school. A brief profile of the applicants together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out in the following table.

Applicant Patrons	Profile of Applicant	School type proposed		Number of primary schools currently under this patronage
<b>An Foras Pátrúnachta</b>	An Foras Pátrúnachta is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and the patron of a number of Irish-medium primary and post-primary schools throughout the country.	<b>Ethos:</b>	Multi-denominational	66
		<b>Language of Instruction proposed:</b>	Irish	
		<b>Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):</b>	n/a	
<b>Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)</b>	Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) is a statutory authority which has responsibility for managing and operating a range of education services including second-level schools and is patron of a number of primary and post-primary schools.	<b>Ethos:</b>	Multi-denominational	6
		<b>Language of Instruction proposed:</b>	English	
		<b>Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):</b>	Irish	
<b>Educate Together</b>	Educate Together is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and the patron or representative organisation of 84 primary schools and nine post-primary schools throughout the country.	<b>Ethos:</b>	Multi-denominational	73
		<b>Language of Instruction proposed:</b>	English	
		<b>Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):</b>	Irish	
<b>Lifeways Ireland</b>	Lifeways Ireland is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and the patron of a number of primary schools in Clare and Galway.	<b>Ethos:</b>	Multi-denominational	3
		<b>Language of Instruction proposed:</b>	English	
		<b>Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):</b>	n/a	

Applicant Patrons	Profile of Applicant	School type proposed		Number of primary schools currently under this patronage
<b>Scoil Sinéad Ltd</b>	Scoil Sinéad Ltd is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is a new patron body for one primary school and a trustee partner in the management of one post-primary school.	<b>Ethos:</b>	Multi-denominational	1
		<b>Language of Instruction proposed:</b>	English	
		<b>Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):</b>	Irish	
<b>St Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland</b>	The St. Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is the patron of a private fee-paying primary school in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.	<b>Ethos:</b>	Multi-denominational	0
		<b>Language of Instruction proposed:</b>	English	
		<b>Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):</b>	n/a	

### 3. Demographic details

There are currently 6 primary schools in the Booterstown\_Blackrock school planning area. Demographic analysis shows that the average actual intake pattern<sup>1</sup> at primary level is currently 118%. The total provisional enrolment in primary schools in the area for the 2018/19 school year was 2023 pupils.

The demographic exercises for this school planning area identified the following net requirement taking into account demographic demand, additional places required as a result of significant additional residential development (including any development arising from the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund- LIHAF) and the current and planned capacity increases in existing primary schools in the area:



Based on the above analysis, there is a net requirement for 8 classrooms which cannot be accommodated in existing schools or through temporary accommodation / expansion of existing schools. It was decided to open a 1 x 8 classroom school in 2019.

<sup>1</sup> **Average Actual Intake Pattern:** if all children resident in the relevant school planning area attended primary school in that school planning area, the intake pattern would be 100%. If the intake pattern is less than 100%, it would suggest that some children are travelling to schools outside the school planning area. If the intake pattern is greater than 100%, it would suggest that a number of children are travelling into schools in the school planning area from other school planning areas. The average intake pattern over a number of years allows the Department to project the likely demand over the coming years assuming a continuation of the same pattern.

## 4. Assessment of applications

All patrons have agreed to the Patronage Commitments as set out in the Section D of the Patronage Application Form attached to main report.

The invitation letter to patrons, also attached to the main report, sets out in detail the:

- Arrangements for the Establishment and Patronage of New Primary Schools due to open in September 2019.
- General Information for Prospective Patrons; and
- Patron Code of Conduct

### ➤ 4.1 Multiple Provider Areas

There are currently 6 primary schools in the Booterstown\_Blackrock school planning area:

Roll No	School Name	Patron	Ethos	Language of Instruction	Gender	DEIS	2017/18 Enrolments*
062000	Booterstown Boys	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Boys	N	311
14586M	Carysfort NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	572
17970F	Our Lady of Mercy Convent	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Girls	N	261
18647D	SN San Treasa	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	452
19901T	Booterstown NS	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough COI	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	96
19949B	Islamic National School	Islamic Foundation of Ireland	Muslim	English	Mixed	N	298

\*Latest confirmed enrolments, 2018/19 are provisional.

Of the 6 primary schools in the school planning area, 4 are Catholic, 1 is Church of Ireland and 1 is Muslim.

All proposed models would increase diversity in the area by providing multi-denominational provision in the area.

## 4.2 Parental Preferences

### ○ 4.2.1 Patronage Preference

The table below sets out the first preferences received by each applicant patron:

<b>Applicant Patron</b>	<b>Valid First Preferences</b>
An Foras Pátrúnachta	<b>39</b>
Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)	13
Educate Together	35
Lifeways Ireland CLG	0
Scoil Sinéad	2
St Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland	7
<b>Total Valid First Preferences</b>	<b>96</b>

### ○ 4.2.2 Language Preferences

#### Breakdown of first preferences by preferred language of instruction

<b>Language of Instruction Preferences</b>	<b>An Foras Pátrúnachta</b>	<b>DDLETB</b>	<b>ET</b>	<b>Lifeways Ireland</b>	<b>Scoil Sinéad</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
English-medium	0	9	30	0	0	3	<b>42</b>
Irish-medium	34	2	1	0	2	0	<b>39</b>
No Preference	5	2	4	0	0	4	<b>15</b>
<b>Total First Preferences</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>96</b>

The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction is significant (39 or 40.62% of first preferences) compared with 42 (or 43.75%) of preferences for English-medium instruction while 15 (or 15.62%) of parents did not specify a preference for language of instruction.

An Foras Pátrúnachta is the only applicant patron to propose an Irish-medium school while some other applicant patrons proposed English-medium but indicated their willingness to offer an Irish-medium school if demand exists for same.

#### Gaelscoileanna within the School Planning Area

There are currently no gaelscoileanna in the Booterstown\_Blackrock school planning area.



### Gaelscoileanna within a 3km radius of the school planning areas

Roll No	School Name	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos	School Planning Area
20487T*	Gaelscoil Na Fuinseoige	40	Multi-Denominational	Goatstown_Stillorgan
18451J	Scoil Lorcain	484	Catholic	Dunlaoghaire

\*Gaelscoil Na Fuinseoige is a developing school that was established in 2016 and will be a 16 classroom school catering for 416 pupils.

### Gaelscoileanna within a 5km radius of the school planning areas

Roll No	School Name	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos	School Planning Area
18817C	SN Brighde	438	Catholic	Dublin6_Clonskeagh
20048Q	Gaelscoil Lios Na Nog	226	Catholic	Dublin6_Clonskeagh
19437U	Scoil Maith	230	Catholic	Ballinteer_Stepaside_DLR
20020R	Gaelscoil Thaobh Na Coille	468	Catholic	Ballinteer_Stepaside_DLR

## Language Preferences and Current Provision in the School Planning Area

Applicant Patron	No. of Irish Language Preferences	% of Irish Language Preferences	Current Irish Medium Provision	
An Foras Pátrúnachta	34	87.2%		
Educate Together	1	2.6%		
DDLETB	2	5.1%	Number of primary schools in SPA	6
St Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland	0	0.0%	Total Enrolment	1,990
Scoil Sinéad	2	5.1%	Of which are Gaelscoileanna	0
Lifeways Ireland CLG	0	0.0%	Enrolments in Gaelscoileanna	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>% Current Irish Provision in SPA</b>	<b>0%</b>

## 5. Conclusions

- All patrons have confirmed that they will satisfy the requirements as set out by the Department for the patronage of new schools.
- All proposed models would increase diversity in the area by providing multi-denominational provision in the area.
- An Foras Pátrúnachta received the highest number of valid first preference votes i.e. 39 or 40.6%.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 39 of 96 valid first preferences (40.6%) compared with 42 of 96 valid first preferences (43.7%) for English-medium instruction.
- Based on the results of the parental preferences and broader analysis, including the extent of diversity currently available in this and the adjoining school planning areas, the analysis indicates that the patronage of the new primary school for the Blackrock\_Boooterstown school planning area should be awarded to An Foras Pátrúnachta to provide a multi-denominational primary school with Irish as the language of instruction.

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