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Patronage Assessment Report

School: Dublin6_Clonskeagh & Dublin 6W
(Regional Solution)

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Year: 2019

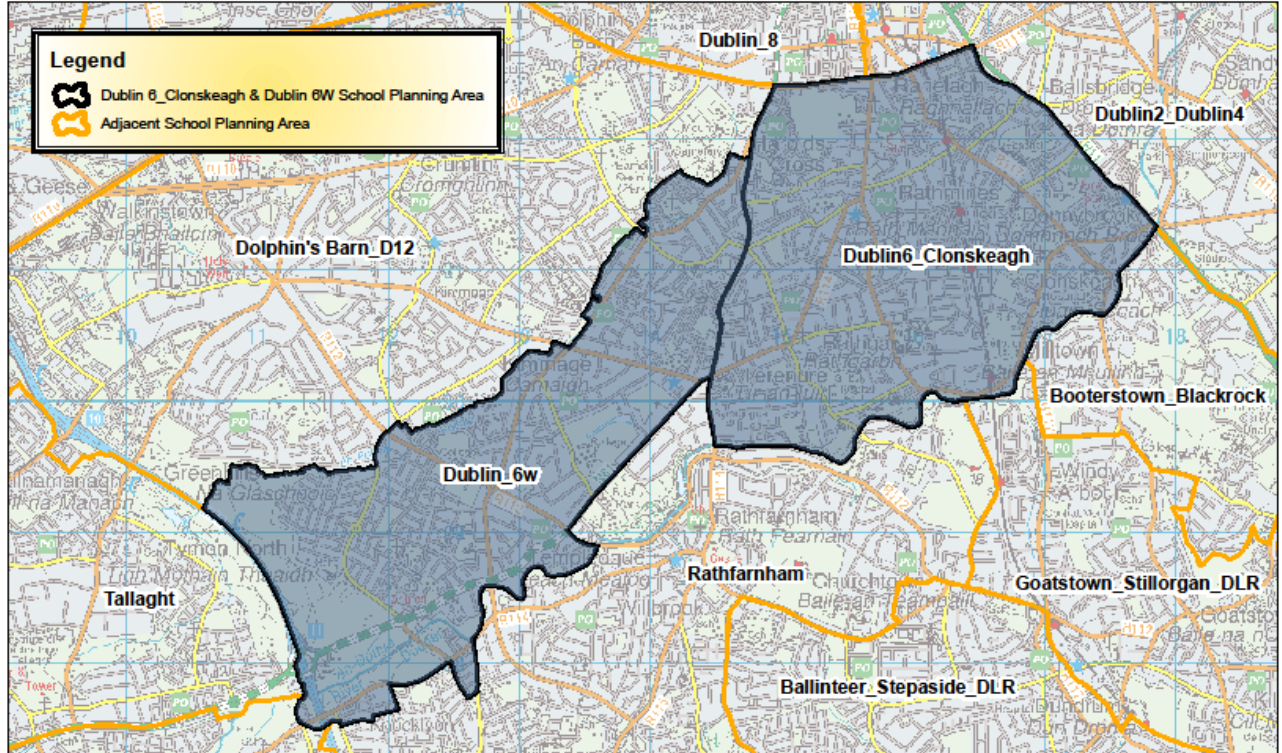
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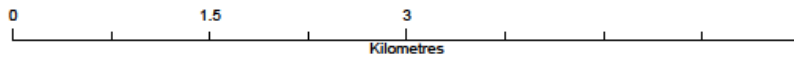
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1. School Planning Area Map

Dublin 6_Clonskeagh & Dublin 6W



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2. Applications Received

Five 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
An Foras Pátrúnachta	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.	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	66
		Language of Instruction proposed:	Irish	
		Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):	n/a	
City of Dublin Education and Training Board	City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb) 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.	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	0
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):	Irish	
Educate Together	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.	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	73
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):	Irish	
Lifeways Ireland	Lifeways Ireland is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and the patron of a number of primary schools in Clare and Galway.	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	3
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):	n/a	
Scoil Sinéad Ltd	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.	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	1
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):	Irish	

3. Demographic details

Dublin 6W

There are currently 7 primary schools in the Dublin 6W school planning area. Demographic analysis shows that the average actual intake pattern¹ at primary level is currently 156%. The total provisional enrolment in primary schools in the area for the 2018/19 school year was 3,250 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:



Dublin 6_Clonskeagh

There are currently 13 primary schools in the Dublin 6_Clonskeagh school planning area. Demographic analysis shows that the average actual intake pattern at primary level is currently 103%. The total provisional enrolment in primary schools in the area for the 2018/19 school year was 3,621 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 18 classrooms which cannot be accommodated in existing schools or through temporary accommodation/expansion of existing schools. It was decided to open a 1 x 16 classroom school (expandable to 24 classrooms) in 2019 in the Harolds's Cross site to serve both Dublin6_Clonskeagh and Dublin_6W.

¹ **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 20 primary schools in the Dublin 6_Clonskeagh & Dublin 6W school planning areas:

Roll No	School Name	Patron	Ethos	Language of Instruction	Gender	DEIS	2017/18 Enrolment*
09750S	St Joseph's Boys NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Boys	N	458
12755W	Kildare Place NS	Board of Governors of the Church of Ireland College of Education	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	215
14717B	Rathgar NS	Conference of Methodist Church in Ireland	Methodist	English	Mixed	N	93
14917J	Zion Parish Primary School	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough COI	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	97
15618E	Sandford NS	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough COI	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	236
16651H	St Clare's Convent NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	284
16966J	Scoil Naisiunta Stratford	Dublin Talmud Torah	Jewish	English	Mixed	N	102
17210F	Clochar Lughaidh Cailin	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	441
17211H	Clochar Lughaidh Naoidh	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	322
18817C	SN Brighde	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	Irish	Mixed	N	438

19727G	St Marys Central NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	421
19928Q	Ranelagh Multi-denominational NS	The Ranelagh Multi-denominational Association	Multi Denominational	English	Mixed	N	236
20048Q	Gaelscoil Lios na Nog	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Catholic	Irish	Mixed	N	226
13621F	Presentation Primary School	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Girls	N	611
19177U	St. Pius X NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Boys	N	534
19178W	St. Pius X GNS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Girls	N	532
19494J	Bishop Galvin NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	486
19658N	Bishop Shanahan NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	477
19907I	Gaelscoil Mologa	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	Irish	Mixed	N	227
19924I	Harolds Cross NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	Y	371

*Latest confirmed enrolments, 2018/19 are provisional.

Of the 20 primary schools in the school planning areas, 14 are Catholic, 3 are Church of Ireland, 1 is Methodist, 1 is Jewish and 1 is multi-denominational.

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:

Applicant Patron	Valid First Preferences
An Foras Pátrúnachta	39
City of Dublin Education and Training Board	14
Educate Together	191
Lifeways Ireland	16
Scoil Sinéad	3
Total Valid First Preferences	263

○ 4.2.2 Language Preferences

Breakdown of first preferences by preferred language of instruction

Language of Instruction Preferences	An Foras Pátrúnachta	City of Dublin ETB	Educate Together	Lifeways Ireland	Scoil Sinéad	Total Preferences
English-medium	3	10	160	13	1	187
Irish-medium	34	0	6	0	0	40
No Preference	2	4	25	3	2	36
Total first preferences	39	14	191	16	3	263

The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction is relatively low (40 or 15.2% of first preferences) compared with 187 (or 71.1%) of preferences for English-medium instruction while 36 (or 13.7%) 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

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	2017/18 Enrolment
18817C	SN Brighde	Catholic	438
20048Q	Gaelscoil Lios na Nog	Catholic	226
19907I	Gaelscoil Mologa	Catholic	227

Gaelscoileanna within a 3km radius of the proposed school location

Roll No	School Name	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos	School Planning Area
19831B	Scoil Chaoimhin	59	Catholic	Drumcondra_Marino_Dublin1

Gaelscoileanna within a 5km radius of the proposed school location

Roll No	School Name	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos	School Planning Area
20487T	Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige	40	Multi-D	Goatstown_Stillorgan_DLR
20047O	Gaelscoil Bharra	213	Catholic	Cabra_Phibsboro_D7
19926M	Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire	202	Catholic	Drumcondra_Marino_Dublin1
19589U	Gaelscoil Inse Chór	234	Catholic	Dublin_8
19437U	Scoil Náithí	230	Catholic	Ballinteer_Stepaside_DLR

Note that there are three gaelscoileanna within 2km of Dublin_6W school planning area.

Language Preference and Current Provision in School Planning Area

Applicant Patron	No of Irish Language Preferences	% of Irish Language Preferences	Current Irish Medium Provision	
Educate Together	6	15.0%		
An Foras Pátrúnachta	34	85.0%	Number of primary schools in SPA	20
Lifeways Ireland CLG	0	0.0%	Total Enrolment	6,819
City of Dublin ETB	0	0.0%	Of which are Gaelscoileanna	3
Scoil Sinéad	0	0.0%	Enrolments in Gaelscoileanna	891
Totals	40	15.2%	% Current Irish Provision in SPA	13.1%

Irish-medium provision will be kept under active review by the Department in line with the process set out in the Department's overall report to the NSEG, including, where appropriate, proactively exploring the level of demand for Irish-medium provision, and the scope for this to be dealt with through the expansion of existing provision in the area/surrounding areas and/or requirements for new schools into the future.

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.
- Educate Together received the highest number (191 or 72.6%) of valid first preference votes.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 40 of 263 valid first preferences (15.2%) compared with 187 of 263 valid first preferences (71.1%) 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 Dublin6_Clonskeagh_Dublin6w school planning areas should be awarded to Educate Together to provide a multi-denominational primary school with English as the language of instruction.

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