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## **Patronage Assessment Report**

**School:** Goatstown\_Stillorgan

**Level:** Primary

**Year:** 2019

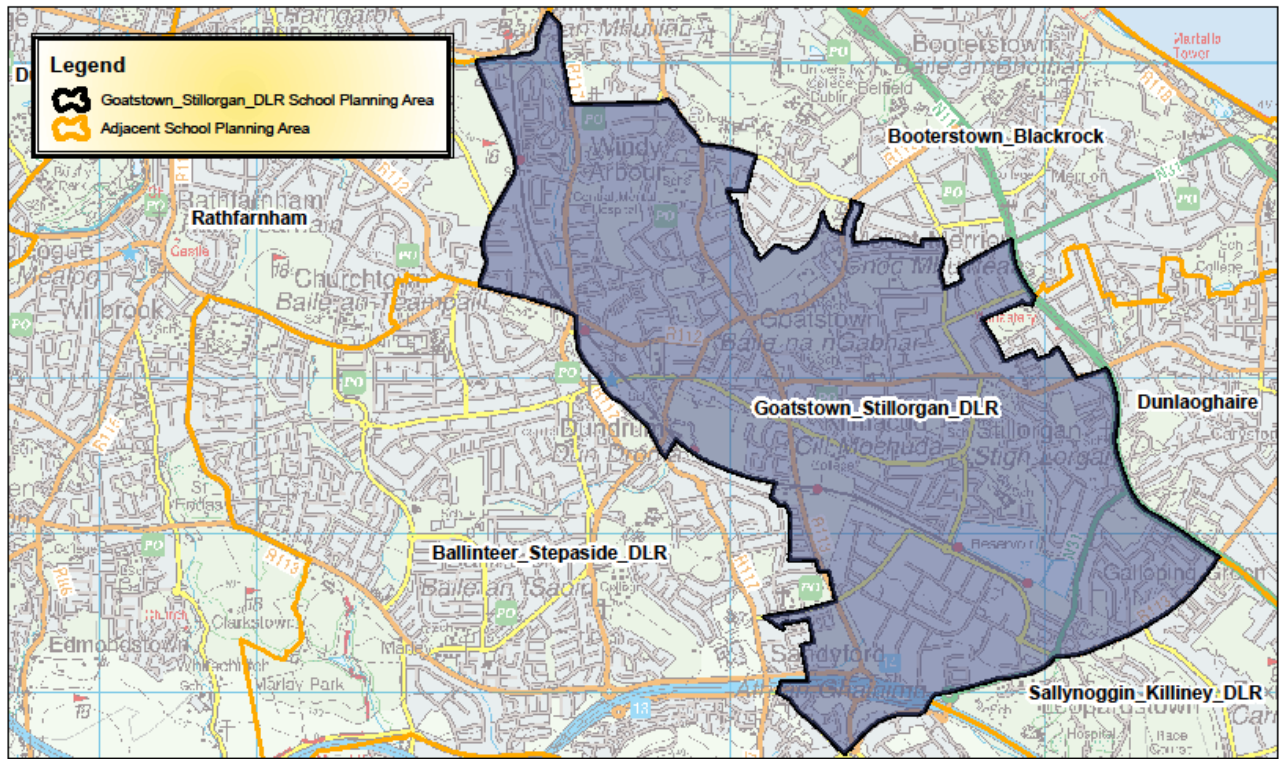
**Size:** 16 classrooms

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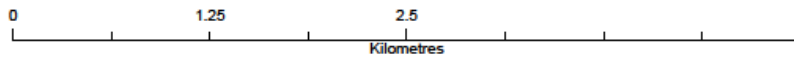
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# 1. School Planning Area Map

Goatstown\_Stillorgan\_DLR



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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
<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	

<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	

### 3. Demographic details

There are currently 10 primary schools in the Goatstown\_Stillorgan school planning area. Demographic analysis shows that the average actual intake pattern<sup>1</sup> at primary level is currently 128%. The total provisional enrolment in primary schools in the area for the 2018/19 school year was 3,477 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 17 classrooms which cannot be accommodated in existing schools or through temporary accommodation / expansion of existing schools. It was decided to establish 1 x 16 classroom school to open in 2019 in the southern part of the school planning area.

<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 10 primary schools in the Goatstown\_Stillorgan\_DLR school planning area:

Roll No	School Name	Patron	Ethos	Language of Instruction	Gender	DEIS	2017/18 Enrolments*
15284B	Taney NS	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough COI	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	447
16794G	St. Bridgids NS	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough COI	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	92
16893I	SN Naomh Lorcan	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Boys	N	448
17470I	St. Raphaelas NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Girls	N	461
17979A	SN Cnoc Ainbhil	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Girls	N	464
19319O	St. Olaf's NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	488
19374W	Our Lady's Grove Primary School	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	455
19904C	Holy Cross NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	266
19922E	Our Lady's NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	Y	252
20487T	Gaelscoil Na Fuinseoige	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Multi denominational	Irish	Mixed	N	40

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

Of the 10 primary schools in the school planning area, 7 are Catholic, 2 are Church of Ireland 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:

<b>Applicant Patron</b>	<b>Valid First Preferences</b>
An Foras Pátrúnachta	34
Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board	11
Educate Together	<b>65</b>
Lifeways Ireland CLG	4
Scoil Sinéad	2
<b>Total Valid First Preferences</b>	<b>116</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>Educate Together</b>	<b>Lifeways Ireland CLG</b>	<b>Scoil Sinéad Ltd</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
English-medium	1	9	57	1	0	<b>68</b>
Irish-medium	32	0	2	1	2	<b>37</b>
No preference	1	2	6	2	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Total first preferences</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>116</b>

The level of parental preferences received for Irish-medium instruction was significant (37 or 31.9% of first preferences) compared with 68 (or 58.6%) of preferences for English-medium instruction while 11 (or 9.5%) 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 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	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos
20487T	Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige	40	Multi-denominational

This is new school that was established in 2016 and will be a 16 classroom school catering for 416 pupils when fully developed.

### Gaelscoileanna within 5km radius of the centre point of the school planning area\*

Roll No	School Name	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos	School Planning Area
18451J	Scoil Lorcáin	484	Catholic	Dunlaoghaire
20425U	Gaelscoil Shliabh Rua**	162	Multi-denominational	Sallynoggin
20020R	Gaelscoil Thaobh na Coillet	468	Catholic	Ballinteer_Stepaside_DLR
19437U	Scoil Naithí	230	Catholic	Ballinteer
18817G	Scoil Naomh Brighde	438	Catholic	Dublin6_Clonskeagh
20048Q	Gaelscoil Lios na Nóg	226	Catholic	Dublin6_Clonskeagh

\*Note: The analysis of patronage for the new school in the adjoining school planning area of Booterstown\_Blackrock indicates that patronage should be awarded to An Foras Pátrúnachta for an Irish-medium school.

\*\*expanding to 16 classroom – currently P+7

### 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	
Educate Together	2	5.4%		
An Foras Pátrúnachta	32	86.5%	Number of primary schools in SPA	10
Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB	0	0.0%	Total Enrolment	3,413
Lifeways Ireland CLG	1	2.7%	Of which are Gaelscoileanna	1
Scoil Sinéad	2	5.4%	Enrolments in Gaelscoileanna	416*
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>% Current Irish Provision in SPA</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

\* Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige capacity



## 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 of valid first preferences i.e. 65 or 56%.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 37 of 116 valid first preferences (31.9%) compared with 68 of 116 valid first preferences (58.6%) for English-medium instruction.
- The parental preferences and broader analysis, including
  - the extent of diversity and Irish-medium provision currently available in this and the adjoining school planning areas (including the expansion of Gaelscoil Shliabh Rua to 16 classroom from current 7 classroom school),
  - the conclusion that patronage for the new school in the adjoining school planning area of Booterstown\_Blackrock should be awarded to An Foras Pátrúnachta for an Irish-medium school; and
  - that Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige is a newly-established 16-classroom school with some 40 pupils in the 2017/18 school year,

indicate that the patronage of the new primary school for the Goatstown\_Stillorgan school planning area should be awarded to Educate Together to provide a multi-denominational primary school with English as the language of instruction.

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