



**An Roinn Oideachais
agus Scileanna**
Department of
Education and Skills

Patronage Assessment Report

School: Leixlip

Level: Primary

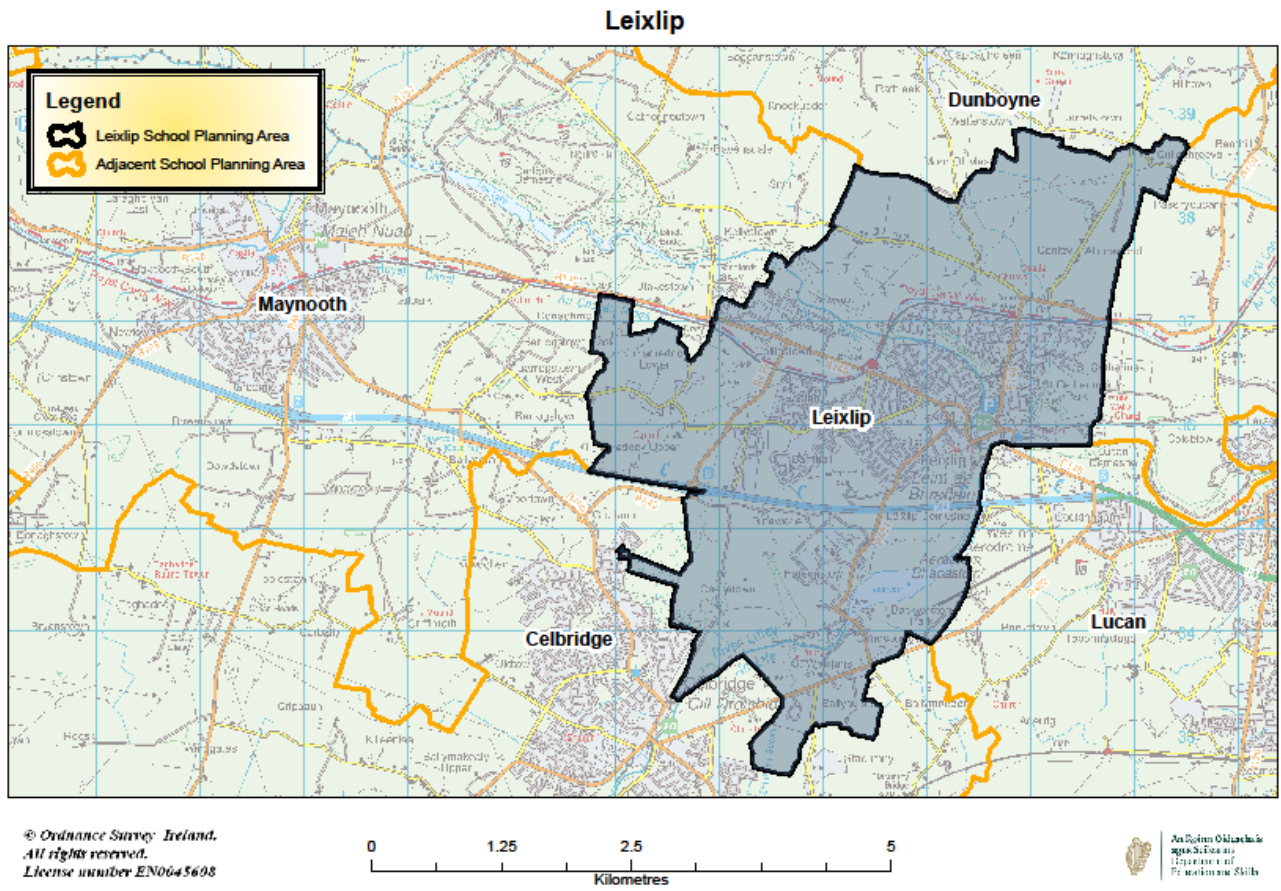
Year: 2019

Size: 8 classrooms

**Report to the New Schools Establishment Group
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1. School Planning Area Map



2. Applications Received

Four 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	
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	
Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB)	Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) 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	3
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer (if sufficient demand):	Irish	
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

There are currently six primary schools in the Leixlip school planning area. Demographic analysis shows that the average actual intake pattern¹ at primary level is currently 106%. The total provisional enrolment in primary schools in the area for the 2018/19 school year was 1,874 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 nine 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 in 2019 to serve the Leixlip school planning area.

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 six primary schools in the Leixlip school planning area:

Roll No	School Name	Patron	Ethos	Language of Instruction	Gender	DEIS	2017/18 Enrolments*
19407L	Scoil Bhríde	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	308
19459H	Scoil Mhuire	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	300
19653D	San Carlo Junior NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	274
19680G	Scoil C Uí Dhálaigh	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	Irish	Mixed	N	429
19684O	Scoil Eoin Phoil	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	339
19875V	San Carlo Senior NS	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	247

*Latest confirmed enrolments, 2018/19 are provisional.

All six primary schools in the school planning area are Catholic.

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	23
Educate Together	88
Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board	20
Scoil Sínead	2
Total Valid First Preferences	133

○ 4.2.2 Language Preferences

Breakdown of first preferences by preferred language of instruction

Language of Instruction Preferences	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Educate Together	Kildare & Wicklow Education & Training Board (KWETB)	Scoil Sínead Patron	Total Preferences
English-medium	1	78	20	1	100
Irish-medium	18	0	0	1	19
No Preference	4	10	0	0	14
Total First Preferences	23	88	20	2	133

The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction is relatively low (19 or 14.3% of first preferences) compared with 100 (or 75.2%) of preferences for English-medium instruction while 14 (or 10.5%) 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 all 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
19680G	Scoil C Ui Dhalaiigh	Catholic	429

Gaelscoileanna within 10km radius of the school planning area

Roll No	School Name	Total Enrolment 2017/18	Ethos	School Planning Area
19940G	Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig	471	Catholic	Lucan
20223I	Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada	461	Catholic	Lucan
19855P	Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcain	410	Catholic	Clondalkin_D22
19991A	Gaelscoil na camogie	256	Catholic	Clondalkin_D22
19503H	Scoil Chronain	356	Catholic	Newcastle_Rathcoole
20058T	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich	473	Catholic	Maynooth
20082Q	GS Thulach na Nog	292	Inter Denominational	Dunboyne
20394M	GS An Chuilinn	217	Inter Denominational	Mulhuddart_Tyrrelstown_D15
19505L	Scoil nat Oilbher	100	Catholic	BlanchardstownVge_D15

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	0	0.0%	Number of primary schools in SPA	6
An Foras Pátrúnachta	18	94.7%	Total Enrolment	1,909
Kildare & Wicklow ETB	0	0.0%	Of which are Gaelscoileanna	1
Scoil Sinéad	1	5.3%	Enrolments in Gaelscoileanna	429
Totals	19	14.3%	% Current Irish Provision in SPA	22.5%

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 (88 or 66.16%) of valid first preference votes.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 19 of 133 valid first preferences (14.3%) compared with 100 of 133 valid first preferences (75.2%) 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 Leixlip 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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