



Review of the Process for Recognising new Primary Schools

The Commission on School Accommodation has been mandated by the Minister for Education and Science to conduct a public consultation process following the Minister's announcement on 14th September 2008 that he would establish a Technical Working Group under the Commission to undertake a full review of the criteria and procedures for the recognition of new primary schools.

The Technical Working Group is a small expert group appointed to undertake the full review of the criteria and procedures for the recognition of new schools. Issues such as the minimum number of pupils required for the commencement of new schools, as well as a wide range of broad policy issues on school patronage and the approach to diversity of provision will be considered.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the consultation process are invited to do so by forwarding written submissions to The Secretariat to the Commission on School Accommodation, Forward Planning Section, Department of Education & Science, Government Buildings, Portlaoise Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly or by email to school_planning@education.gov.ie. Written submissions should be with the Secretariat by 5pm on Friday, 25th July 2009.

A Guidance Document for the completion of written submissions is available on the Department's website [here](#).

Disclosure of Submissions

All those making submissions should be aware that it is the intention of the Technical Working Group to make the submissions publicly available, unless otherwise requested, and that any submissions received will also be subject to requests for release under the Freedom of Information Acts.

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