

New primary Schools 2012/2013

Location:	Ballinteer
Year Required:	2012
School Size required:	16 classroom school initially but with provision to extend to 24 classrooms.
Applications Received:	1. Co. Dublin VEC –Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, English Medium 2. Educate Together – Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, English Medium 3. An Foras Pátrúnachta – Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, Irish Medium

Assessment of applications

1. Requirements

Has the applicant Patron(s) confirmed that they will comply with the requirements as set out: (comment if necessary in regard to any requirement)

- Is willing to accept and open special education facilities
- Is willing to have up to three streams subject to demand for the school
- Is willing to enter into the standard lease agreement with DES (or otherwise provide their own site)
- Is willing to operate by the rules and regulations laid down by various DES circulars and operating procedures and to follow the prescribed curriculum
- Is willing to operate the school within the resourcing and policy parameters established by the DES
- Is willing to be part of a campus development with other primary or second level schools as identified by the Department
- Is willing to enrol children in the area for whom the Department has identified the need for a school

Co. Dublin VEC has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above.

Educate Together has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above, and have provided information in their submission in relation to their track record in their existing schools in this regard, and their commitment to meeting these criteria into the future.

An Foras Pátrúnachta has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above. They have also provided text in their submission in relation to their commitment to these criteria in their existing schools and into the future.

2. Examination of current provision in the area versus school type proposed by applicant patron(s)

(a) Outline details of current number of schools in the area, ethos of schools, total number of pupils in existing schools, percentage of pupils by school type in existing schools, what percentage of children already attending school in the area attend a school of the same patronage as the applicant patron? (need to take into account the development already achieved by recently established schools of a particular patronage in the identified area and the potential for future growth of these schools, and the extent to which schools of similar patronage have already expanded to three streams subject to space on existing site etc)

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Patron	Medium of Instruction	2010/11 Total Enrolment	% in school of Total Area Enrolment
00729F	Clochar Loreto NS, Grange Road, Rathfarnham (<i>G</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	517	18%
19314E	Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Boy, Broadford Rise, Ballinteer (<i>B</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	176	6%
19396J	Na Maighdine Muire Girls, Ballinteer (<i>G</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	218	8%
19437U	Scoil Naithi, Ballinteer (<i>All Irish Co-Ed</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	Irish	237	8%

19537B	St. Attracta's Junior NS, Meadowbrook, Dundrum (<i>Co-Ed</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	327	12%
19574H	Marley Grange NS, Rathfarnham (<i>Co-Ed</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	472	17%
19716B	St. Attracta's Senior NS, Meadowbrook, Dundrum (<i>Co-Ed</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	356	13%
19723V	Queen of Angels Primary School, Wedgewood, Dundrum (<i>Co-Ed</i>)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	274	10%
19945Q	Rathfarnham Educate Together NS, Loreto Ave (<i>Co-Ed</i>)	Multi Denominational	Rathfarnham Educate Together Ltd.	English	219	8%
Total					2796	100%

Patron	% of total by patron
Catholic Bishop	92%
Rathfarnham ET Ltd.	8%

Ethos	% of total by ethos
Catholic	92%
Multi Denom	8%

As can be seen from above 92% of the existing provision in the area is of a Catholic Ethos, the majority of schools provide education through the medium of English with the exception of Scoil Naithi which provides through the medium of Irish and this represents 8% of the overall total enrolment in the area.

8% of the existing provision is of a multi-denominational ethos which is provided by Rathfarnham Educate Together Ltd.

8% of existing provision is through the medium of Irish, with Catholic ethos and patronage.

Enrolment Trends

Roll No	School Name	2001/02	2006/07	2010/11	5yr Trend	10 Yr Trend
00729F	Clochar Loreto NS, Grange Road, Rathfarnham (G)	541	522	517	-5	-24
19314E	Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Boy, Broadford Rise, Ballinteer (B)	183	150	176	26	-7
19396J	Na Maighdine Muire Girls, Ballinteer (G)	211	153	218	65	7
19437U	Scoil Naithi, Ballinteer (All Irish Co-Ed)	234	237	237	0	3
19537B	St. Attracta's Junior NS, Meadowbrook, Dundrum (Co-Ed)	374	351	327	-24	-47
19574H	Marley Grange NS, Rathfarnham (Co-Ed)	485	452	472	20	-13
19716B	St. Attracta's Senior NS, Meadowbrook, Dundrum (Co-Ed)	423	353	356	3	-67
19723V	Queen of Angels Primary School, Wedgewood, Dundrum (Co-Ed)	350	329	274	-55	-76

19945Q	Rathfarnham Educate Together NS, Loreto Ave (<i>Co-Ed</i>)	226	223	219	-4	-7
Total		3,027	2,770	2,796	31	-207

Primary Enrolment 2010/2011 - Breakdown by Standard

Roll No	School Name	Junior Infant	Senior Infant	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	4th Class	5th Class	6th Class	Total
00729F	Clochar Loreto NS, Grange Road, Rathfarnham (<i>G</i>)	56	71	71	57	60	60	57	85	517
19314E	Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire Boy, Broadford Rise, Ballinteer (<i>B</i>)	30	26	29	20	18	12	19	10	164
19396J	Na Maighdine Muire Girls, Ballinteer (<i>G</i>)	38	26	39	22	29	23	19	22	218
19437U	Scoil Naithi, Ballinteer (<i>All Irish Co-Ed</i>)	30	30	31	28	28	30	28	32	237

19537B	St. Attracta's Junior NS, Meadowbrook, Dundrum (Co-Ed)	87	75	85	80	0	0	0	0	327
19574H	Marley Grange NS, Rathfarnham (Co-Ed)	60	61	58	59	59	59	64	52	472
19716B	St. Attracta's Senior NS, Meadowbrook, Dundrum (Co-Ed)	0	0	0	0	82	80	86	108	356
19723V	Queen of Angels Primary School, Wedgewood, Dundrum (Co-Ed)	21	28	37	39	19	38	27	40	249
19945Q	Rathfarnham Educate Together NS, Loreto Ave (Co-Ed)	28	25	30	28	24	27	29	28	219
Total		350	342	380	333	319	329	329	377	2,759
Jun vs Sen		1,405				1,354				

(b) Will the applicant patron(s) provide a school with an ethos not already catered for in the area?

There is a multi denominational school and an Irish school in the area already. However, as 92% of the existing schools are of Catholic ethos, all applicants would strengthen provision of diversity in the area.

(c) The proximity of school(s) of similar ethos to those proposed by the applicant patron(s)

Currently there is no Community National School in South County Dublin so there is no school of this similar ethos type.

The multi-denominational Educate Together school in the area is Rathfarnham ETNS (RN 19945Q). The nearest other multi-denominational school, outside of the Ballinteer area, is Ranelagh Educate Together (RN 19928Q), circa 6 km distant from Rathfarnham Educate Together.

There is also a catholic ethos all Irish school in the specified area, namely Scoil Náithí, RN19437U, under the patronage of the Catholic church. There is a Gaelscoil in the neighbouring area of Stepside – GS Taobh na Coille, RN 20020R, in the region of 6.7 km distant from Scoil Naithi in Ballinteer.

According to the 2006 census, of the 448,367 5 to 12 year olds in school, 256,378 or 57% of them travelled 4km or less to school while 73% of them travelled under 9km. While there are schools offering choice of diversity of ethos, and Irish medium education, within the distance 73% of children will travel to schools, those other schools are unlikely to have the capacity to take those in the Ballinteer area who might be willing to travel to them.

(d) Will the proposed school or schools under the prospective patron(s) provide for extending or strengthening diversity of provision in each area having regard to the views of parents?

A community national school under County Dublin VEC would extend and strengthen diversity of provision in the area as they have produced a list of expressions of interest from parents, and there is currently no school of a similar model in the area.

An Educate Together national school would extend and strengthen diversity of provision in the area as they have produced a list of expressions of interest from parents, and there is currently only one Educate Together school in the area.

An An Foras, all-Irish national school would extend and strengthen diversity of provision in the area, and would provide a further choice in all-Irish provision, as they have produced a list of expressions of interest from parents, and there is currently only one Irish-medium school in the area and this is of Catholic ethos. This proposed new Gaelscoil would be multi-denominational in ethos

(e) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that there is a demand for this type of school in the area

According to the Child Benefit Data there are a potential 375 children in the Ballinteer area who could start school in 2012.

							2011	2011
Ballinteer								
Jnr Inf	9	10	15	11	5		50	41
Snr Inf	1						1	0
							51	41
Outside of specified area								
Jnr Inf	10	13	25	8	11	5	72	62
Snr Inf	1						1	0
							73	62
Total No of Children								
							124	103

ET Expression of Interest, children already in School

Ballinteer		
Total No. of Children		4
Outside specified area		
Total No. of Children		5

As outlined above County Dublin VEC submitted a list with a total number of 19 children. On examination of the addresses, 10 of those relate to addresses from outside of the specified area. Therefore in terms of provision for the area there are four junior infants listed to start between 2012 – and a further 5 in the years up to 2016.

An Foras Patrúnachta submitted a list with a total number of 21 children. On examination of the addresses, five of those relate to addresses from outside of the specified area. Therefore in terms of provision in the area there are 16 junior infants listed to start between 2012 and 2016 – and of those, one in the year of opening.

Educate Together submitted a list with a total number of 133 children. On examination of the addresses, 78 of those relate to addresses from outside of the specified area. Therefore in terms of provision in the area, there are 41 junior infants listed to start between 2012 and 2016 –

and of those, 10 in the year of opening (possibly up to 19). It should be noted that the ET expressions of interest for children within the area included 9 children listed as starting in junior infants in 2011. It may be that those parents would wish to have their children included in the 2012 junior infant intake for this school – but this has not been referred to in the accompanying documentation provided by this patron. In their submission, Educate Together also expressed a willingness to accommodate an all-Irish stream within their proposed school, should numbers be sufficient, and to serve demand for that in the area.

(f) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that the school will, as a priority, cater for children in the area in which the school is located (or an area defined by the DES).

Co Dublin VEC has indicated that it will enrol students from the area as set by the DES. Of the expressions of interest provided by the VEC, 9 are from within the specified area, 10 from outside of that, in adjoining areas.

An Foras Pátrúnachta has indicated that it will enrol students from the area as set by the DES. Of the expression of interest provided, the majority are from within the specified area, 16 of the 20 provided.

Educate Together has indicated that they will enrol students from the area as set by the DES. Of the 113 expressions of interest provided, 78 are from outside of the specified area, most from adjoining areas, and about 12 from considerably outside of the adjoining area, leaving 41 from within the area.

(g) If this area is to be served by a single school, can proposed school meet the needs of all pupils in the area.

Not applicable in this area.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

The three applicant patrons have confirmed to agree to the conditions as set out in point 1 above. Equally the applicant patrons would represent a strengthening of choice in the area in terms of diversity, ethos, and all-Irish provision.

Under the 'Requirements' there is little to choose between the applicants though Educate Together have been more comprehensive in how the new school will meet them. Only An Foras offer an Irish language school though the expressions of interest provided by the patrons indicates more demand for an English speaking school if only one school is to be opened.

The VEC have given evidence of parental demand - this is an indication that the school would get off to a strong start. The VEC have also clearly undertaken a very strong consultative process locally, to advise on their school.

An Foras have given evidence of future demand through their list of parents and the presence of a naíonraí in the area. However, it is not clear how many children attend these naíonraí.

Educate Together have also demonstrated strong parental demand and their pre-enrolment list indicates that the school would be a viable entity from the outset. They have also clearly expressed a willingness to facilitate parental choice through co-operation in a campus development and by taking on board an Irish stream if necessary.

It is recommended that patronage of the new school be given to Educate Together for the following reasons:

Educate Together would strengthen diversity of provision in the area, as there is only one multi-denominational school in the area now.

Educate Together has proven a far greater demand among parents in the area, and for the age cohort in question, than either of the other applicant patrons.

Educate Together has demonstrated that there is substantial parental demand for a school under their patronage, and the expressions of interest provided indicate continued parental demand in to the future, to a greater extent than the other applicant patrons.

*Forward Planning Section
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