

New primary Schools 2012/2013

Location	Lucan
Year Required	2013
School Size required	16
Applications Received	County Dublin VEC – Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, English medium The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) – Co-Educational, Christian Ethos, English 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)

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

The Redeemed Christian Church of God has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above.

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	Language Medium	2010/11 Total Enrolment
00714P	Lucan B NS (B)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	493
12014D	ST ANDREWS N S (Co.Ed.)	COI	COI Archbishop	English	229
13447Q	Scoil Mhuire (G)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	630
19542R	St Thomas Junior National School/Esker NS. (Co.Ed.)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	505
19676P	Scoil Aine Naofa NS (Co.Ed.) (Senior 3rd-6th)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	478
19817H	St Mary's National School (Co.Ed.)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	413
19865S	Archbishop Ryan JNS, Balgaddy	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	542
19940G	Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig (Co.Ed.)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	Irish	407
20066S	Lucan Educate Together National School (Co.Ed.)	Multi-Denominational	Educate Together	English	434
20166W	Griffen Valley Educate Together NS (Co.Ed.)	Multi-Denominational	Educate Together	English	457
20187H	Archbishop Ryan SNS, Balgaddy	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	574

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Patron	Language Medium	2010/11 Total Enrolment
20194E	St John the Evangelist National School (Co.Ed.)	Catholic	Catholic Archbishop	English	318
20223I	Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada (Co.Ed.)	Catholic	An Foras Patrunachta	Irish	297
20268H	Adamstown Castle Educate Together NS (Co.Ed.)	Multi-Denominational	Educate Together	English	184
20274C	Esker Educate Together NS (Co.Ed.)	Multi-Denominational	Educate Together	English	273
20303G	Lucan East Educate Together National School (Co.Ed.)	Multi-Denominational	Educate Together	English	228
Total					6462

Ethos	% of total by ethos
Catholic	72%
COI	4%
MultiD	24%

Note: In Census 2006, 81% of those in the Dublin area defined themselves as Catholic, 3% as Church of Ireland, in the region of 6-7% as being of another denominational religion or agnostic, 7% as being of *no religion*, and 2% did not answer that question.

Patron	% of total by patron
Catholic Archbishop	67%

COI Archbishop	4%
Educate Together	24%
An Foras	5%

Roll No.	School Name	10/11 Enrol	2005 Enrol	2000 Enrol
00714P	Lucan B NS (B)	493	529	523
12014D	ST ANDREWS N S (Co.Ed.)	229	227	183
13447Q	Scoil Mhuire (G)	630	635	620
19542R	St Thomas Junior National School/Esker NS. (Co.Ed.)	505	463	390
19676P	Scoil Aine Naofa NS (Co.Ed.) (Senior 3rd-6th)	478	457	380
19817H	St Mary's National School (Co.Ed.)	413	325	274
19865S	Archbishop Ryan JNS, Balgaddy	542	522	485
19940G	Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig (Co.Ed.)	407	258	233
20066S	Lucan Educate Together National School (Co.Ed.)	434	452	216
20166W	Griffeen Valley Educate Together NS (Co.Ed.)	457	273	0
20187H	Archbishop Ryan SNS, Balgaddy	574	369	0
20194E	St John the Evangelist National School (Co.Ed.)	318	0	0
20223I	Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada (Co.Ed.)	297	26	0
20268H	Adamstown Castle Educate Together NS (Co.Ed.)	184	0	0
20274C	Esker Educate Together NS (Co.Ed.)	273	0	0
20303G	Lucan East Educate Together National School (Co.Ed.)	228	0	0
	Total	6462	1,642	701

Enrolment by class group, school year 2010-2011

Roll Number	School Name	Junior Infant	Senior Infant	1st Class	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
00714P	LUCAN B N S	55	49	65	64	65	64	61	70	493
12014D	ST ANDREWS N S	28	29	31	27	29	30	28	27	229
13447Q	SCOIL MHUIRE	74	78	63	80	84	91	83	83	636
19542R	ST THOMAS JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL	107	137	146	115	0	0	0	0	505
19676P	SCOIL AINE NAOFA	0	0	0	0	112	123	114	129	478
19817H	ST MARYS N S	53	41	56	51	55	51	50	56	413
19865S	ARCHBISHOP RYAN J N S	135	142	145	120	0	0	0	0	542
19940G	GAELSCOIL NAOMH PADRAIG	62	64	61	62	57	31	42	28	407
20066S	LUCAN EDUCATE TOGETHER NS	54	55	55	52	58	52	55	53	434
20166W	GRIFFEEN VALLEY EDUCATE TOGETHER NS	54	57	58	57	56	57	57	61	457
20187H	ARCHBISHOP RYAN SENIOR N S	0	0	0	0	149	143	139	143	574
20194E	St. John the Evangelist National Sc	41	49	57	58	41	26	29	17	318
20223I	GAELSCOIL EISCIR RIADA	65	61	63	47	32	29	0	0	297
20268H	Adamstown Castle Educate Together N	37	36	31	32	11	10	18	9	184
20274C	Esker Educate Together N.S.	42	46	47	55	26	25	21	11	273
20303G	Lucan East ETNS	58	59	58	29	24	0	0	0	228
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	Total	865	903	936	849	799	732	697	687	6,468
	Jun vs Sen	3,553				2,915				

There are planned extensions in several schools in Lucan, and some of the existing schools are scheduled to move to new sites, and extend on those sites. All schools are considered to be at capacity at Junior Infant level in their current locations. The tables above, showing enrolments in 200, 2005 and 2010 respectively, shows the sheer scale of increase in the area over the last 10 years, and the table showing the class breakdown indicates the highest level of growth has been over very recent years, as there are significantly higher numbers between Junior Infant and First class in the schools.

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

The *Redeemed Christian Church of God*, which is a Christian Body with an evangelical ethos state in their application that at present there is no school in the area with a Christian ethos of evangelical dimension It is noted that 76% of schools in the Lucan area are of a Christian denominational ethos, therefore the degree of diversity being offered by the Redeemed Christian Church is limited.

The *VEC* model, while it is multi-denominational, offers a different interpretation of that to the Educate Together school type already present in the area. The Educate Together model incorporates a general ethics programme to its school day, rather than offering instruction in a particular denominational ethos. The *VEC* model offers instruction during the school in a particular denominational ethos of the parent's choosing. As such, the *VEC* patron model represents greater diversity.

(c) The proximity of schools of similar ethos to those proposed by the applicant patrons.

There are schools of a similar ethos – Christian and Multi-denominational – evenly dispersed throughout the area, but none of the exact type proposed by either patron. According to the 2006 Census, of the 448,367 5-12 year olds in school, 256,378 or 57% of the total travelled 4km or less to school, while 73% of them travelled under 9km. The dispersal of the schools in the area in question, and the data on where children are living in the area, mean that most children in the area would have access to a school providing a choice of diversity, without having to travel more than 4km.

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

24% of children attending schools in the Lucan area are in a Multi-denominational school. The *VEC* Patron model for a multi-Denominational school would extend and strengthen the diversity of provision.

76% of children attending schools in the Lucan area are in Christian ethos primary schools. *The Redeemed Christian Church of God* would establish Christian ethos primary school, and as such, would not extend and strengthen the diversity of provision.

Co. Dublin *VEC* state that they have developed a new Religious Education Curriculum, called “Goodness me, Goodness you”. This would represent a different offering in terms of strengthening diversity – Educate Together schools have an Ethics programme, and the denominational schools would have faith-based Religious Education programmes.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God state that “The extent to which schools of similar patronage in the area have already expanded to at least 3 streams (subject to an existing site etc) is almost non-existent”. Their proposed model would provide such expansion.

(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 1,098 children in the Lucan feeder area who could start school in 2013.

VEC numbers:

Lucan				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
JNR INFANT	31	3	3	3
Outside Lucan Area				
JNR INFANT	4			

The Redeemed Christian Church of God

Lucan			
	2012	2013	2014
Jnr Inf	8	2	1
Snr Inf	3		1
1st	2		
2nd	4		
3rd	4		
4th	2		
5th	1		
6th	3		
	27	2	2

The *VEC* has demonstrated a stronger demand for their type of school from the area to be served particularly given that the school will open for Junior Infants only, and grow incrementally. It is not considered that the new school will accept other class groups as this would have a detrimental affect on enrolments at the current schools.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God has expressions of interest for 2 junior infants in 2013, the year the school is due to open, The bulk of expressions of interest are presented as children starting in 2012 – so they would be in Senior Infants when the proposed school is scheduled to open in 2013.

(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).

The majority of the expressions of interest provided by the VEC are from addresses within the specified area – 40 out of the 44 provided. The majority of the expressions of interest provided by *The Redeemed Christian Church of God* are also from addresses within the specified area – 31 of the 33 provided. The two expressions from outside the area are for older children who would already be in school.

(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 for this area.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

Both of these patrons agree to conform to the conditions as set out in section 1.

While both applicants have outlined that they will meet all DES requirements and both have outlined that there is demand for their type of school in the area, the VEC demand is significantly stronger, particularly at junior infant over the next 3 years. Currently only 24% of school places in Lucan are of a multi-denominational ethos, while the other 76% are of a denominational ethos. Therefore it is recommended that the new school to open in Lucan **in 2013 should be under the patronage of Co. Dublin VEC**, given the much stronger parental demand for this school type and the additional diversity of provision which it will offer in the area.

Forward Planning Section

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