

New primary Schools 2012/2013

Location: Mallow, Co. Cork

Year Required: 2013

School Size required: 16 Classrooms

Applications Received

Co. Cork VEC (CCVEC): – Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, English Medium

Educate Together (ET): – Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, 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)

- 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. Cork VEC has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above. They also undertook a consultation process locally, including on Open Evening, distribution of advertising fliers, were the subject of an article in the “Irish Examiner” and facilitated expressions of interest through the Mallow College of Further Education and the CCVEC Website.

Educate Together has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above. They have been very comprehensive in how the new school will meet the requirements.

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)

There are a total of fourteen schools in the Mallow feeder area. There are six schools within the Mallow Town Boundary (area to be served), the ethos of which is predominantly Catholic (96%) and one Church of Ireland (4%). The ethos of the remaining eight schools in the wider Mallow feeder area is 100% Catholic. There are no Multi Denominational schools in the feeder area.

Details of Current Schools in the Mallow Town Area (6):

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Patron	2010/11 Total Enrolment	% in school of Total Area Enrolment	Medium
12004A	Mallow No1 NS	COI	COI Bishop	55	4%	English
16159D	Mallow Convent NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	246	18%	English
17887S	S. N. Naomh Padraig	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	191	14%	English
18883P	S. N. Iosagain	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	178	13%	English
19256Q	Scoil Ghobnatan	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	465	34%	English
19886D	Gael Scoil Thomais Daibhis	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	252	18%	All Irish
Total				1387	100%	

Catholic	96%
Church of Ireland	4%
Multi Denominational	0%

Details of Current Schools in the Mallow Town Area (6) - By Standard

Roll No	SCHOOL	Jnr	Snr	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
12004A	MALLOW NO 1 N S	12	9	5	9	7	7	3	3	55
16159D	MALLOW CON N S	0	0	33	56	30	27	40	41	227
17887S	S N NAOMH PADRAIG	0	0	27	31	31	32	30	32	183
18883P	S N IOSAGAIN	84	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	178
19256Q	SCOIL GHOBNATAN	50	45	72	53	45	49	55	57	426
19886D	GAEL SCOIL THOMAS DAIBHIS	33	30	32	30	42	26	30	29	252
Totals		179	178	169	179	155	141	158	162	1321
Jnr V Snr		705				616				

Details of Current Schools in the Mallow Town Area (6) - 5 & 10 Year Trends

Roll Number	School Name	2001/02	2006/07	2010/11	5yr trend	10 yr trend
12004A	Mallow No1 NS	12	32	55	23	43
16159D	Mallow Convent NS	224	200	246	46	22
17887S	S. N. Naomh Padraig	188	169	191	22	3
18883P	S. N. Iosagain	110	96	178	82	68
19256Q	Scoil Ghobnatan	423	442	465	23	42
19886D	Gael Scoil Thomais Daibhis	187	246	252	6	65
	Total	1,144	1,185	1,387	202	243

Details of Other Current Schools in the Mallow Feeder Area (8):

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Patron	2010/11 Total Enrolment	% in school of Total Area Enrolment	Medium
070006A	Ballyclough Mixed NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	117	12%	English
11249C	Burnfort N.S.	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	111	12%	English
13483U	S.N. Ath Na Lionta	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	81	8%	English
13779S	S.N. Dhrom Athain	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	203	21%	English
15903D	Killavullen N.S.	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	133	14%	English
17533G	S. N. Rathain	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	90	9%	English
17823P	Glantane B.N.S.	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	152	16%	English
17921P	S.N. Moing Na Miol	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	70	7%	English
Total				957	100%	

Catholic	100%
Multi Denominational	0%

Details of 8 Other Schools in the Mallow Feeder Area - By Standard

Roll_No	SCHOOL	Jnr	Snr	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
07006A	BALLYCLOUGH MIXED N S	16	22	7	20	18	12	12	10	117
11249C	BURNFORT N S	18	15	19	13	15	8	8	15	111
13483U	S N ATH NA LIONTA	10	15	14	14	10	7	5	6	81
13779S	S N DHROM ATHAIN	30	23	29	21	25	21	31	23	203
15903D	KILLAVULLEN N S	16	22	18	13	14	16	16	18	133
17533G	S N RATHAIN	10	9	12	10	14	15	7	13	90
17823P	GLANTANE B N S	28	26	15	17	24	14	22	6	152
17921P	S N MOING NA MIOL	9	13	5	13	10	11	3	4	68
Total		137	145	119	121	130	104	104	95	955
Jnr V Snr		522				433				

Details of 8 Other Schools in the Mallow Feeder Area - 5 & 10 Year Trends

Roll Number	School Name	2001/02	2006/07	2010/11	5yr trend	10 yr trend
070006A	Ballyclough Mixed NS	86	85	117	32	31
11249C	Burnfort N.S.	69	70	111	41	42
13483U	S.N. Ath Na Lionta	38	52	81	29	43
13779S	S.N. Dhrom Athain	109	157	203	46	94
15903D	Killavullen N.S.	98	108	133	25	35
17533G	S. N. Rathain	82	95	90	-5	8
17823P	Glantane B.N.S.	84	126	152	26	68
17921P	S.N. Moing Na Miol	22	44	70	26	48
	Total	588	737	957	220	369

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

CCVEC: – Yes – Community National School - Multi Denominational.

ET: – Yes – Multi Denominational.

There are currently no multi-denominational schools in the feeder area.

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

There are currently no Multi Denominational schools in the feeder area.

CCVEC: – no school of similar ethos in the Cork area

ET: – The nearest ET is Cork ET, Grattan St, RN 19906G approx. 31 km away.

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

There are a total of fourteen schools in the Mallow feeder area. There are six schools within the Mallow Town Boundary (area to be served), the ethos of which is predominantly Catholic (96%) and one Church of Ireland (4%). The ethos of the remaining eight schools in the Mallow feeder area is 100% Catholic. Therefore, both applicant patrons would provide for extending and strengthening of diversity in the area. Both have produced a list of expressions of interest from parents.

CCVEC: – Yes – Community National School - Multi Denominational.

ET: – Yes – Multi Denominational.

(e) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that there is a demand for this type of school in the area (Comment on the applicant's demonstration of parental demand for the school type proposed. Take into consideration the extent or range of diversity offered across existing schools in the identified area, having regard to the views of parents)

According to the Child Benefit Data there are a potential 391 children in the Mallow feeder area who could start school in 2013.

CCVEC:- applicant provided a spreadsheet outlining the level of interest and support for the establishment of a Community National School in Mallow, under its patronage. Names and addresses are provided for thirteen homes and sixteen children. Dates of Birth are provided for fourteen children only. Of these 14 children, where children are aged four or five years in 2013, **seven would be Junior Infants** (one from outside the feeder area). Two children cannot be assigned to a class as no date of birth has been provided. See table below for pupils within the feeder area.

Co. Cork VEC

Mallow Catchment				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	6	2	0	1

Outside Mallow Catchment				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	1			

*Children born Pre 1/7/2007	
Mallow Catchment	Outside Mallow Catchment Area
2	2

ET:- the applicant states that parental demand is such that they have previously made an application to DES for recognition of an ET school in Mallow in September 2008. Names and addresses are provided for seventeen homes and twenty seven children. Dates of birth are provided for eighteen children only, but the applicant has stated in what class all twenty seven children would be in 2013. In 2013 **seven would be Junior Infants**. See table below for pupils within the feeder area.

Educate Together

Mallow Catchment				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	7	4	2	0

Outside Mallow Catchment				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant		1		1

*Children born Pre 1/7/2007	
Mallow Catchment	Outside Mallow Catchment Area
10	2

(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).

CCVEC:- has stated that they have an “open enrolment policy” and is happy to enrol students from the area as set by the DES.

ET:- has stated that the ET Charter requires that all children have equal rights of access to the school, with children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds being equally respected. They confirm that enrolment in the proposed school will be open to all children from Mallow who wish to apply.

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

CCVEC:- N/A

ET:- N/A

3. Conclusions and recommendations

On the basis of Junior Infant numbers provided for 2013, both applicants are almost equal. There appears to be sufficient parental demand for provision from both applicants. Both applicants have indicated that they are willing to comply with all of the requirements stated by DES, and they meet all the criteria.

The VEC undertook a consultation process locally, including an open evening, distribution of advertising fliers, their intention to apply for patronage and the date for the open evening was the subject of an article in the “Irish Examiner” and they facilitated expressions of interest through the Mallow College of Further Education and the CCVEC Website.

Educate Together has been very comprehensive in stating how the new school will meet the requirements. Educate Together has also shown that there is historic demand in the area for a school under their patronage and had previously applied to the Department in 2008 to establish an Educate Together School.

There is currently no Multi-Denominational provision in the Mallow area.

Recommendation

In assessing the applications for patronage of the new schools being established in 2012 and 2013 the Department was mindful of the fact that the VEC-proposed Community National School and the Educate Together proposed schools have many similar elements to their ethos and that they are therefore broadly in a similar space in relation to multi-denominational school provision, albeit with particular differences of approach in the area of faith formation.

The criteria established were used in assessing the applications in all cases. However, in the case of Mallow, it was very difficult to come to a view between the applications from the VEC and Educate Together. In assessing the applications for Mallow, the Department was mindful that there was a very similar level of demand demonstrated for the schools proposed by both of the patrons. On balance the Department recommends that, given the closeness of each of the applications, the evidence of demand in the first 2 years of the school being established could be used to differentiate between the applications. Therefore, on balance, the Department recommends Educate Together as patron in Mallow.

Forward Planning Section
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