

New primary Schools 2012/2013

Location:	Riverstown Glamire
Year Required:	2013
School Size required:	8 classroom
Applications Received:	1. Co. Cork VEC – Co-educational, Multi-Denominational, English Medium 2. Educate Together – 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.

It has stated that they have established special classes at second level and have outlined the areas where these are. They also state that they have an “open enrolment policy”. They have also stated that they are willing to secure a site on behalf of the DES for this school and they have demonstrated that they have acquired sites previously for the DES. They have also demonstrated that they have previously entered into campus style developments.

Educate Together has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above. They have specifically stated that they would welcome the opportunity to work with the community in Riverstown/Glanmire to provide appropriate special education facilities in the new school. They have also highlighted that their schools were among some of the first primary schools to be established as new schools on campus developments and they have operated effectively in this manner. They have also stated that enrolment will be open to all children from the area.

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
13663W	Lower Glanmire NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	English	199	8%
13747F	Riverstown NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	English	713	30%
15484J	Glounthaune Mixed NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	English	446	19%
15792U	Upper Glanmire NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	English	253	11%
17505B	SN Cill Ruadhain	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	English	400	17%
18422C	Scoil na nOg *	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	Irish	52	2%
18497K	Little Island NS	Catholic	Catholic Bishop	English	179	7%
20239A	Gaelscoil Ui Drisceoil	Multi-Denominational	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Irish	163	7%
Total					2405	100%

Patron	% of total by patron
Catholic Bishop	93%
An Foras	7%

Ethos	% of total by ethos
Catholic	93%
Multi Denom	7%

As can be seen from above 93% of the existing provision in the area is of a Catholic Ethos while 7% is of a multi-denominational ethos however this is provided through the medium of Irish. The Gaelscoil which was opened in September 2006 is already catering for a two stream intake at junior infants. Their intake of junior infants for 2010/11 was 50 pupils.

Enrolment Trends

Roll No	School Name	2010/11	2006/07	2001/02	5yr Trend	10 Yr Trend
13663W	Lower Glanmire NS	181	226	199	-27	18
13747F	Riverstown NS	542	669	713	44	171
15484J	Glounthaune Mixed NS	294	348	446	98	152
15792U	Upper Glanmire NS	263	243	253	10	-10
17505B	SN Cill Ruadhain	249	382	400	18	151
18422C	Scoil na nOg *	33	56	52	-4	19
18497K	Little Island NS	96	134	179	45	83
20239A	Gaelscoil Ui Drisceoil **	0	22	163	141	163
Total		1,658	2,080	2,405	325	747

* This school caters for 5th & 6th Class only

** Opened 1/9/2006

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
13663W	Lower Glanmire NS	27	21	31	15	31	27	22	25	199
13747F	Riverstown NS	88	89	91	86	88	87	92	86	707
15484J	Glounthaune Mixed NS	60	57	56	67	59	49	48	43	439
15792U	Upper Glanmire NS	32	32	33	24	32	33	34	33	253
17505B	SN Cill Ruadhain	45	37	47	46	63	46	63	53	400
18422C	Scoil na nOg	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	47	52
18497K	Little Island NS	28	27	20	25	26	15	19	19	179
20239A	Gaelscoil Ui Drisceoil	50	35	31	24	9	10	4	0	163
Total		330	298	309	287	308	267	287	306	2392
Jun vs Sen		1,224				1,168				

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

Yes, both of the applicant patrons will provide a school with an ethos not already catered for 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 any part of Co. Cork so there is no school of this similar ethos type.

The nearest multi-denominational Educate Together school is in Midleton (RN 20336V) which is approximately 18.2km from Riverstown and 17.3km from Glanmire.

There is also a multi-denominational all Irish school namely Gaelscoil An Ghoirt Alainn, Murmont Road, Mayfield, Cork (RN 19993E) which is approx. 5 km from Riverstown and 4.4 km from Glanmire

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”.

As outlined above there is no Community National School in Co. Cork and the nearest ET school is approx 18km away therefore it is fair to say that children would not be expected to travel this distance. Therefore any of the proposed schools will equally improve access to additional choice of school provision.

(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 Co. Cork 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 no school of a similar ethos 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 as there is no English medium multi-denominational school in the area.

(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 369 children in the Riverstown/ Glanmire feeder area who could start school in 2013.

Co. Cork VEC Expressions of Interest

	2013	2014	2015	Total
Riverstown Glanmire Catchment				
Jnr Inf	4	1		
Snr Inf				
1st Class	1			
	5	1		6
Outside Catchment				
Jnr Inf	1		2	3
Total No of Children				9

Educate Together Expressions of Interest

	2013	2014	2015	Total
Riverstown Glanmire Catchment				
Jnr Inf	3		2	5
Snr Inf	2			2
	5			7
Outside Catchment				
Jnr Inf	1	2		3
Snr Inf	1			1
	2			4
Total No of Children				11

As outlined above Co. Cork VEC submitted a list with a total number of 9 children. This represents a total number of 6 families. On examination of the addresses two of the families were from outside the Riverstown/Glanmire feeder area. Therefore in terms of provision for the area there are four junior infants due to start in 2013.

Again as outlined above Educate Together submitted a list with a total number of 11 children. This represents a total number of 8 families. On examination of the addresses two of the families were from outside the Riverstown/Glanmire feeder area. Therefore in terms of provision for the area there are three junior infants due to start in 2013. ET also stated that they expect these figures to grow as the date of opening of

the school approaches and estimate that in 2013 the estimated actual enrolment will be at least 35 children but they don't state that these will be actual junior infants.

(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. Cork VEC has indicated that it has an "open enrolment policy" and will be happy to enrol students from the area as set by the DES. The majority of the expressions of interest provided by the VEC are from within the area defined by the DES i.e. 4 out of the 6 addresses provided.

Educate Together has indicated that enrolment will be open to all children from Riverstown/Glanmire who wish to apply. The majority of the expressions of interest provided by Educate Together are from within the area defined by the DES i.e. 6 out of the 8 addresses provided.

(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. Other information received – See Appendix

Please see in attached Appendix a copy of letter received from the principals of the seven primary schools in Riverstown Glanmire area outlining why they think a new school is not required in the area for 2013. Following on from this correspondence a meeting was held with these school principals on the 12th December 2012.

They pointed out that the children living in the Mayfield Cross/Banduff areas (south west of the map adjacent to Montenotte feeder area) go to schools in Mayfield and Ballyvolane. In Forward Planning Section's analysis of the area these children were apportioned to the Riverstown Glanmire feeder area and it would have been thought that they would most likely go to Lower Glanmire NS (also known as New Inn locally) – RN 13663W.

As a result of discussions with the local school principals and upon further analysis of the area, Forward Planning Section has now taken the 8 small areas of population which affect this area with the child benefit data out of the Riverstown Glanmire area on the assumption that these should be part of the Montenotte feeder area. It should be noted that the two schools in Mayfield (in Montenotte feeder area) which are the nearest schools that children would most likely be attending have falling enrolments and seem to have capacity.

As a result of discounting these children from the Riverstown Glanmire area, this will reduce the requirement for additional classrooms to 9 additional classrooms being needed in the area by 2017. It might be possible to meet the additional requirements across the existing schools.

4. Conclusions and recommendations

Both patrons have confirmed to agree to the conditions as set out in point 1 above. Equally both patrons would offer an alternative school in terms of diversity and ethos.

As the school to be provided is just an 8 classroom school it would not be an option to recommend that both applicants be offered patronage by way of a split campus. With regard to the proposed lists of expressions from each patron there is a difference of only one pupil for junior infants in parental demand for the proposed start up year of 2013.

In light of the information above at point 3, and taking into account the low level of junior infants projected to start in 2013 by each prospective patron, it is recommended that the opening of a new school in this area should be deferred for one or two years. This will allow Forward Planning Section to closely monitor junior infant enrolment patterns in the existing schools in the area to see if the demographics warrant the establishment of a new school during that period.

**Forward Planning Section
26th January 2012.**