

New primary Schools 2012/2013

Location	Tallaght/City West/Fortunestown
Year Required	2012
School Size required	32 Classrooms
Applications Received	1. Educate Together – Co-Educational, Multi Denominational, English Medium 2. County Dublin VEC – Co-Educational, Multi Denominational, English medium 3. An Foras Pátrúnachta – Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational, Irish medium 4. 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)

- 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

Educate Together has confirmed that it will meet all the requirements as set out above. This patron has given background detail to support this confirmation including names of schools where appropriate.

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

An Foras Pátrúnachta 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)

All Primary Schools in Tallaght Catchment Area.

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Irish Medium School	Patron	2010/11 Total Enrol.	% in school of Total Area Enrol.	Medium of Instruction
18411U	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	312	6%	English
19390U	ST MARKS SEN NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	543	11%	English
19465C	ST KEVINS BOYS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	223	4%	English
19466E	ST KEVINS GIRLS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	221	4%	English
19472W	ST MARK'S JUNIOR NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	554	11%	English
19502F	SCOIL AENGHUSA JUN NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	184	4%	English
19541P	BELGARD HEIGHTS NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	290	6%	English
19556F	CASTLEVIEW NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	214	4%	English
19576L	SN AENGHUSA	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	163	3%	English
19577N	SCOIL IOSA	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	74	1%	English
19582G	ST MAELRUAIN'S NS	COI	NO	Archbishop of Dublin & Glendalough	76	1%	English
19702N	ST THOMAS JUNIOR NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	469	9%	English
19765O	ST THOMAS SENIOR NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	405	8%	English
19782O	ST BRIGID'S NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	342	7%	English
19834H	ST AIDAN'S NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	354	7%	English
19893A	ST KILLIAN'S SENIOR NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	231	5%	English
20173T	ST ANNE'S N.S	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	440	9%	English
Total					5095	100%	

School Name	Roll Number	Junior Infant	Senior Infant	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	4th Class	5th Class	6th Class	Total
St Marys School, Greenhills Rd (M) *	18411U	31	52	49	29	37	27	42	26	293
St Marks Sen NS, Springfield (Snr M)	19390U	0	0	0	0	144	147	116	114	521
St Kevins Boys, Kilnamanagh (B)	19465C	34	25	22	29	26	30	31	26	223
St Kevins Girls, Kilnamanagh (G)	19466E	45	34	30	21	28	23	21	19	221
St Marks Junior NS, Springfield (Jnr M)	19472W	118	142	138	128	0	0	0	0	526
Scoil Aenghusa Junior NS, Balrothery (Jnr M) *	19502F	52	42	40	50	0	0	0	0	184
Belgard Heights NS (M)	19541P	29	37	44	30	32	26	25	40	263
St. Killians Jnr NS, Castlevew (Jnr M)	19556F	52	51	57	54	0	0	0	0	214
SN Aenghusa, Balrothery (Snr M) *	19576L	0	0	0	0	43	38	44	38	163
Scoil Iosa, Tymon North (M) *	19577N	9	9	10	6	10	12	12	4	72
St. Maelruains NS, Jobstown (M) *	19582G	11	10	7	14	9	11	7	7	76
St Thomas Junior NS, Jobstown (M) *	19702N	104	103	133	101	0	0	0	0	441
St Thomas Senior NS, Jobstown (M) *	19765O	0	0	0	0	86	83	71	75	315
St Brigids NS, Brookfield (M) *	19782O	67	75	82	79	0	0	0	0	303
St Aidans NS, Brookfield (M) *	19834H	0	0	0	0	81	73	81	66	301
St Kilians Senior NS, Castlevew (Snr M)	19893A	0	0	0	0	55	58	64	54	231
St Annes Primary School, Fettercairn (M) *	20173T	73	60	61	43	69	36	37	38	417
Total		625	640	673	584	620	564	551	507	4,764
Jun vs Sen		2,522				2,242				

Schools coloured in yellow are located adjacent to the proposed location of the new school. The remaining schools are a considerable distance away, nearer to the village of Tallaght and therefore, not under examination in this report.

Existing Schools in immediate vicinity of City West/Fortunestown within Tallaght Catchment

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19834H	ST AIDAN'S NS	CATHOLIC	NO	Archbishop of Dublin	354	22%	English
	Total				1646	101%	

Patron	% of total by patron
Catholic Bishop	95%
Archbishop of Dublin & Glendalough (COI)	5%

Ethos	% of total by ethos
Catholic	95%
Church of Ireland	5%
Multi-Denominational	0%

(b) Will the applicant patron(s) provide a school with an ethos not already catered for in the area? **Yes – 95% of existing schools have Catholic Ethos, 5% of schools have Church of Ireland Ethos. There are currently no multi-denominational or gael scoileanna in the catchment. However, because all existing schools in the area are of a Christian denominational ethos the degree of diversity being offered by the Redeemed Christian Church is limited in comparison to that being offered by the other applicant patrons.**

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

According to the 2006 Census, of the 448,367 5 to 12 years olds in school, 256,378 or 57% of them travelled 4km or less to school while 73% of them travelled under 9km.

Educate Together has several schools in Lucan, which is 10 kms away.

There are two all-Irish schools located in the adjacent Firhouse/ Oldbawn feeder area both of which have a catholic ethos and are 3km or more from the area to be served by these new schools.

(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?

All proposed schools will extend diversity of provision as there are none of the schools proposed currently serving the area proposed. However, because all existing schools in the area are of a Christian denominational ethos the degree of diversity being offered by the Redeemed Christian Church is limited in comparison to that being offered by the other applicant patrons.

In addition, the application from Educate Together includes a proposal to operate an all Irish stream within the school should demand be demonstrated for it.

(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 940 children in the Tallaght feeder area who could start school in 2012.

Composite table showing the level of parental interest demonstrated by each of the applicant patrons for each of the areas:

Applicant Patron	Tallaght/ City West/ Fortunestown Area – 2012 start	Tallaght West Area – 2013 start	Firhouse/Oldbawn Area – 2013 start	Total
Educate Together				
Jl 2012	1	1	0	2
Jl 2013	5	3	5	13
Jl 2014	7	4	5	16
Jl 2015	14	1	8	23
Jl 2016	10	8	3	21

Total	37	17	21	75
An Foras Pátrúnacha				
Jl 2012	3	4	2	9
Jl 2013	3	1	6	10
Jl 2014	4	0	1	5
Jl 2015	1	1	2	4
Jl 2016	0	0	0	0
Total	11	6	11	28
County Dublin VEC				
Jl 2012	22	0	0	22
Jl 2013	0	23	21	44
Jl 2014	0	0	0	0
Jl 2015	2	3	1	6
Jl 2016	1	1	2	4
Total	25	27	24	76
The Redeemed Christian Church				
Jl 2012	0	1	0	1
Jl 2013	0	0	0	0
Jl 2014	0	1	0	1
Jl 2015	0	0	0	0
Jl 2016	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	0	2

1. Educate Together

Educate Together has provided evidence of demand as follows:

Tallaght - Citywest/Fortunestown Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	1	5	7	14	10

Outside Tallaght Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	0	5	1	5	1

Outside Tallaght Citywest area but in Tallaght West or Firhouse/Oldbawn					
Educate Together	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Inf	1	8	9	9	11

2. County Dublin VEC

County Dublin VEC has provided evidence of demand as follows:

Tallaght - Citywest/Fortunestown Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	22	0	0	2	1

Outside Citywest/Fortunestown Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	0	0	0	0	0

3. An Foras Pátrúnachta

An Foras Pátrúnachta has provided evidence of demand as follows:

Tallaght - Citywest/Fortunestown Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	3	3	4	1	0

Outside Citywest/Fortunestown Area but in Tallaght West or Firhouse/Oldbawn Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	6	7	1	3	0

There was one child listed with no date of birth but the address given would appear to be outside the greater Tallaght area.

The application from An Foras Pátrúnachta gives details of Irish language and Gaelic events in the area. In addition, they refer to the presence of 3 naíonraí that cater for 90 children as well as a Gaelcholaiste in the area. It also gives details of Irish Language Cultural events and conversation circles in the area. An Foras Pátrúnachta are assured that there is a demand for an Irish medium school in the area.

4. The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG)

The Redeemed Christian Church of God has provided evidence of demand as follows:

Tallaght - Citywest/Fortunestown Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	0	0	0	0	0

Outside Tallaght Area					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jnr Infant	8	2	2	0	0

1. Educate Together

According to the applicant's application, parents of only 1 child have expressed interest for Junior Infant places in 2012 and 5 have expressed an interest for 2013. While the level of demonstrate parental interest is low for the initial start-up it is noted that the level of overall parental demand for an Educate Together school demonstrated in the application is at the same high level as that demonstrated for a VEC school. In addition, this applicant patron submitted the same list of names/expressions of interest for all schools that they are applying for patronage for, i.e Tallaght West, Fortunestown/Citywest and also Firhouse/ Oldbawn. This required a lengthy examination of the list by Forward Planning Section in order to determine what addresses given were applicable to those areas where the schools are to be established.

2. County Dublin VEC

According to this applicant's application, parents of 22 children have expressed interest for junior infant places in 2012 which is by far the highest number for junior infants places demonstrated by any of the applications. The level of overall parental demand however for a VEC school demonstrated in the application is at the same high level as that demonstrated for an Educate Together school.

3. An Foras Patrúnachta

According to this applicant's application, parents of 3 children have expressed interest for junior infant places in 2012 and 3 have expressed interest in places in 2013. In addition, this applicant patron submitted the same list of names/expressions of interest for all schools that they are applying for patronage for, i.e Tallaght West, Fortunestown/Citywest and also Firhouse. This required a lengthy examination of the list by Forward Planning Section in order to determine what addresses given were applicable to those areas where the schools are to be established.

4. The Redeemed Christian Church of God

According to this applicant's application, no parents of children within the catchment has expressed an interest in a Junior Infant place in 2012, parents of 4 children have shown interest in more senior class groups in 2012.

(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).

All the applicant patrons have stated that they will enrol children from the area identified by the Department.

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

N/A

3. Conclusions and recommendations

The catchment area of Tallaght comprises entirely schools of Catholic Ethos and 1 Church of Ireland School. All applicant patrons are seeking to establish schools of an ethos not currently existing in the area.

All applicant patrons have agreed to comply with the requirements, and all provide for strengthening of diversity under the criteria. Educate Together and An Foras Pátrúnachta each submitted one list of expressions of interest covering the three areas of Tallaght City West/ Fortunestown, Tallaght West and Firhouse/ Oldbawn. This required a lengthy examination of the lists by Forward Planning Section to determine what addresses were appropriate to each area and to ensure that children were not double counted for any particular area.

Under the "requirements", there is little to chose between the applicants though Educate Together have been very comprehensive in how the new school will meet them. County Dublin VEC have very strong demand especially in the first year of operation. This is an indication that the school would get off to a very strong start. The VEC have also clearly undertaken a very strong consultation process locally to advise on their school model.

The Department looked at this region as a whole when assessing applications in the greater Tallaght area, both in regard to applications received and in regard to optimising parental choice and strengthening of diversity in the area as a whole.

In assessing the applications the Department was mindful of the fact that there were very similar levels of demand overall demonstrated by both Educate Together and the VEC albeit that the demonstrated demand for the VEC model was stronger in the year of opening in all cases. The overall parental demand demonstrated in both the Educate Together application and the VEC application were at significantly higher levels than the demand demonstrated in the other applications.

An Foras Pátrúnachta has given evidence of future demand through their list of parents and the presence of naíonraí in the area. It is also worth noting that the current all-Irish catholic ethos schools in that general area are a barometer of the strength of demand for all-Irish education across the broader area. Educate Together has also demonstrated parental demand, particularly for future years. They have also expressed a willingness to facilitate parental choice through co-operation in campus development and by taking on board, an Irish stream if necessary. County Dublin VEC has demonstrated very strong parental demand especially in the first year of operation. The application by the Redeemed Christian Church of God demonstrated a very low level of parental demand within this overall area in comparison to the demand demonstrated in the applications received from the other applicant patrons.

Looking at the Tallaght/ Citywest/Fortunestown, Tallaght West and Firhouse/ Oldbawn areas as a whole, it is recommended that patronage be awarded in Tallaght/Citywest/Fortunestown to both Educate Together and County Dublin VEC to each form a new school in the Tallaght/ Citywest/Fortunestown area for 2012 having regard to the levels of parental demand demonstrated in the applications.

It should also be noted that it is recommended that the new schools to commence in the Firhouse/Oldbawn area in 2013 be under the patronage of An Foras Pátrúnachta and Educate Together and that it is recommended that the new school to commence in the Tallaght West area in 2013 be under the patronage of Co. Dublin VEC.

These recommendations serve the broader Tallaght and Firhouse/Oldbawn areas as a whole and reflect the range of parental preferences and demand and serve to strengthen the diversity of provision across the broader area.

*Forward Planning Section
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