

New Primary Schools 2012 and 2013

Tallaght/ Citywest Fortunestown, required 2012

Tallaght West, required 2013

Firhouse/Oldbawn, required 2013

Individual assessments are attached for each area as outlined above.

However, it should be noted that in making recommendations on patronage in each case the Department looked at this region as a whole in regard to applications received and in regard to optimising parental choice and strengthening of diversity in the area as a whole.

In addition, An Foras Pátrúnachta and Educate Together each submitted just one list of expressions of interest for the three areas. This required a lengthy and detailed examination of the lists by Forward Planning Section to determine the addresses that were appropriate to each area and to ensure that children were not double counted for any particular area.

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 Pátrúnachta				
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

As is evidenced on the table above, Educate Together has demonstrated strong 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. It will also be noted that County Dublin VEC has demonstrated very strong parental demand especially in the first year of operation in each instance.

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.

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.

Taking this into account and looking at the Tallaght/Citywest/ Fortunestown, Tallaght West and Firhouse/ Oldbawn areas as a whole it is recommended that patronage be awarded as follows:

- Tallaght/ Citywest/ Fortunestown 2012 - Educate Together and County Dublin VEC to each form a new school in 2012
- Firhouse/ Oldbawn 2013 – An Foras Pátrúnachta and Educate Together to each form a new school in 2013
- Tallaght West 2013 – County Dublin VEC to form a new school in 2013

The recommended patronage arrangements serve the area as a whole and optimises parental choice and strengthens diversity of provision for the broader area.

Forward Planning Section

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