



An Roinn Oideachais
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Patronage Assessment Report

School: Booterstown_Blackrock & Dún
Laoghaire (Regional Solution)

Level: Post-Primary

Year: 2021




Size: 1,000 pupils

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2. Applications Received

Three applications were received from applicant patrons in respect of this school. A brief profile of the applicants together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out in the follow table.

Applicant Patrons	Profile of Applicant	School type proposed		Number of Post-primary schools	
	<p>An Foras Pátrúnachta is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is the patron of a number of Irish-medium primary and post-primary schools throughout the country.</p>	Ethos: Multi-denominational		6	
		Model: Voluntary Secondary School			
		Language of Instruction proposed: Irish			
		Also willing to offer: n/a			
	<p>Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) is a statutory authority which has responsibility for managing and operating a range of education services including second-level schools and is patron of a number of primary and post-primary schools.</p>	Ethos: Multi-denominational		31	
		Model: Community College			
		Language of Instruction proposed: English			
		Also willing to offer: Irish			
	<p>Educate Together is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and the patron or representative organisation of a number of primary schools and post-primary schools throughout the country.</p>	Ethos: Multi-denominational		19	
		Model: Voluntary Secondary School			
		Language of Instruction proposed: English			
		Also willing to offer: n/a			

3. Demographic details

Demographic exercises undertaken in 2018 identified a requirement for 42 new schools to be established between 2019 and 2022 including a new 1000 pupil post-primary school to serve Booterstown_Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire school planning areas as a regional solution, to be established in 2021.

The analysis which informed the decision to establish the new school was predicated on the 2017 enrolment base, being the most recent available enrolment data at the time of the exercise.

In order to identify additional school accommodation requirements analysis was undertaken in respect of:

- underlying demographic trends in the existing population;
- potential school place requirements associated with Additional Residential Development (ARD) in the area including any development arising from the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF); and
- current or planned spare capacity in existing post-primary schools in the area.

[Booterstown_Blackrock](#)

There are eight post-primary schools in the school planning area, five of which are fee-paying. The 2017 enrolment (excluding fee-paying schools) was 1,430. The equivalent 2019 enrolment was 1,418.

[Demographics:](#)

Given the significant proportion of pupils who attend fee-paying schools in the school planning area a discount was applied in respect of those schools in order that calculations provide a more representative gauge of emerging non fee-paying demand in the area. Resulting projections showed an estimated peak year of 2025 with a projected requirement for an additional 618 post-primary school places.

[Additional Residential Development:](#)

An additional requirement for 132 school places was estimated to arise from current or planned Additional Residential Development in the school planning area, as notified to the Department by the Local Authority.

[Gross School Place Requirements:](#)

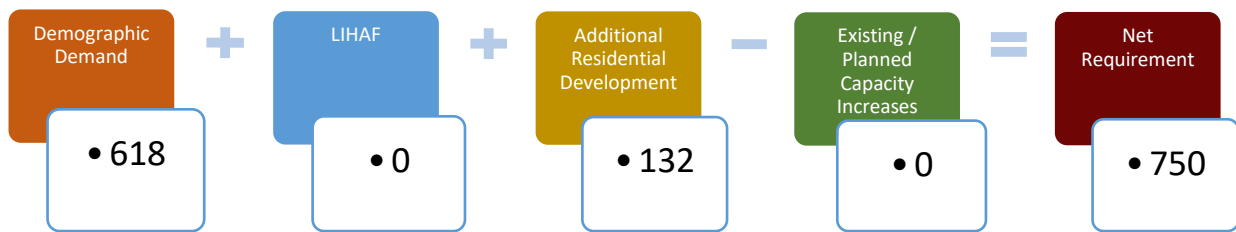
The peak gross additional school place requirement in the school planning area was, therefore, projected to be 750, being peak demographics and total ARD requirements combined, as the total ARD was expected to materialise by the peak demographic year.

[Spare Capacity:](#)

There was no identified current or planned spare capacity in the school planning area.

[Net School Place Requirements:](#)

Having considered the spare capacity in the school planning area, a net school place requirement of 750 was determined to remain to 2025.



Dún Laoghaire

There are five post-primary schools in the school planning area, two of which are fee-paying. The 2017 enrolment (excluding fee-paying schools) was 1,723. The equivalent 2019 enrolment was 1,683.

Demographics:

Given the significant proportion of pupils who attend fee-paying schools in the school planning area a discount was applied in respect of those schools in order that calculations provide a more representative gauge of emerging non fee-paying demand in the area. Resulting projections showed an estimated peak year of 2025 with a projected requirement for an additional 163 post-primary school places.

Additional Residential Development:

An additional requirement for 301 school places was estimated to arise from current or planned Additional Residential Development in the school planning area, as notified to the Department by the Local Authority.

Gross School Place Requirements:

The peak gross additional school place requirement in the school planning area was, therefore, projected to be 464, being peak demographics and total ARD requirements combined, as the total ARD was expected to materialise by the peak demographic year.

Spare Capacity:

There was current spare capacity of 120 places identified at existing schools in the school planning area.

Net School Place Requirements:

Having considered the spare capacity in the school planning area, a net school place requirement of 344 was determined to remain to 2025.



Determination:

Analogous projection and analysis of the adjacent school planning areas of Booterstown_Blackrock (750 projected net requirement for school places) and Dún

Laoghaire (344 projected net requirement for school places) indicated significant demographic pressure across the region.

It was, therefore, determined, that a new 1,000 pupil school should be established in 2021 to serve both school planning areas as a regional solution.

New school requirements have continued to be kept under review in the interim and an update of the demographic projections for all school planning areas was undertaken in 2020. This refreshed data upheld the requirement for the post-primary school to serve the Booterstown_Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire school planning areas.

4. Assessment of Applications

All patrons have agreed to the Patronage Commitments as set out in the Section D of the Patronage Application Form attached to main report.

The invitation letter to patrons, also attached to the main report, sets out in detail the:

- Arrangements for the Establishment and Patronage of New Post-Primary Schools due to open in September 2021; and
- General Information for Prospective Patrons.

4.1.1 Patronage

4.1.1 Existing Post-Primary Provision

Boosterstown_Blackrock

Roll No	School Name	School Planning Area	Patron	Ethos*	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2019/20
60041D	Coláiste Eoin	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	Irish	Boys	N	496
60030V	Blackrock College	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Des Places Educational Association	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	1024
60042F	Coláiste Íosagáin	Boosterstown_Blackrock	CEIST	Catholic	Irish	Girls	N	485
60070K	Dominican College	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	437
60040B	Willow Park School	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Des Places Educational Association	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	207
60650F	St Andrews College	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Board Of Governors of St Andrew's College	Presbyterian	English	Mixed	Y	991
60892G	The Teresian School	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Teresian Association Ireland	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	198
60630W	St Kilian's Deutsche Schule	Boosterstown_Blackrock	Der Deutsche Schulverein	Inter-D	English	Mixed	Y	403

*Ethos: Inter-D = Inter-denominational

Dún Laoghaire

Roll No	School Name	School Planning Area	Patron	Ethos	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2019/20
810011	Newpark Comprehensive School	Dún Laoghaire	Minister for Education and Archbishop of Dublin &	Church Of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	861

			Glendalough as a partner					
60081P	Rockford Manor Secondary School	Dún Laoghaire	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	277
60050E	Oatlands College	Dún Laoghaire	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	545
60180R	Christian Brothers College	Dún Laoghaire	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	515
60130C	Loreto Abbey Secondary School	Dún Laoghaire	Loreto Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	653

Of the 13 post-primary schools currently in the school planning areas, 12 are under denominational patronage and 1 is inter-denominational.

All of the proposed models would provide multi-denominational provision in the area.

Adjoining School Planning Areas

There are 4 school planning areas adjoining the Booterstown_Blackrock & Dún Laoghaire school planning areas, with 29 post-primary schools as set out in the table below:

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2019/20
60361V	St Raphaela's Secondary School	Goatstown_Stillorgan_DLR	Handmaids of the Sacred Heart	Catholic	English	Girls	N	569
60092U	Clonkeen College	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	575
60261R	St Benildus College	Goatstown_Stillorgan_DLR	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	807
60260P	St Joseph Of Cluny Secondary School	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	252
91330K	Holy Child Community School	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB & Society of the Holy Child Jesus	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	246
60090Q	Rathdown School	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Board Of Governors of Rathdown School	Church Of Ireland	English	Girls	Y	263
60540V	Catholic University School	Dublin2_Dublin4	Marist Education Authority	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	510

60820E	Loreto College	Dublin2_ Dublin4	Loreto Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	562
60490J	C.B.S. Westland Row	Dublin2_ Dublin4	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	135
60710U	Muckross Park College	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	707
60590N	St Conleths College	Dublin2_ Dublin4	St Conleths Ltd	Catholic	English	Mixed	Y	284
70200D	Ringsend College	Dublin2_ Dublin4	City Of Dublin ETB	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	189
60561G	St Michaels College	Dublin2_ Dublin4	Des Places Educationa l Associatio n	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	664
60500J	Marian College	Dublin2_ Dublin4	Marist Brothers (Province of West Central Europe)	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	345
60560E	St Marys College	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Des Places Educationa l Associatio n	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	429
60890C	St Louis High School	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	679
60640C	Sandford Park School Ltd	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Board of Governors of Sandford Park School	Non-D	English	Mixed	Y	403
60530S	Gonzaga College	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	555
60910F	Alexandra College	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Council of Alexandra College	Church Of Ireland	English	Girls	Y	589
61020A	Stratford College	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Dublin Talmud Torah	Jewish	English	Mixed	Y	148
60670L	The High School	Dublin6_ Clonskeagh	Board of Governors of the High School	Church Of Ireland	English	Mixed	Y	730
60140F	Mount Anville Secondary School	Goatstown_ Stillorgan_ DLR	Mount Anville Sacred Heart Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	706
60891E	Our Lady's Grove Secondary School	Goatstown_ Stillorgan_ DLR	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	304

60262T	St Laurence College	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Marianist Community	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	258
60240J	Loreto College	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Loreto Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	519
91310E	Cabinteely Community School	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB & Archbishop of Dublin & Ursuline Union (Congregational Leader)	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	456
68305F	Sandymount Park Educate Together Secondary School	Dublin2_Dublin4	Educate Together	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	78
68366C	Goatstown Educate Together Secondary School	Ballinteer_Stepaside_DLR**	Educate Together	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	Established in 2020
68365A	Harold's Cross Educate Together Secondary School	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Educate Together	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	Established in 2020

**Ethos: Multi-D = Multi-denominational, Inter-D = Inter-denominational, Non-D = Non-Denominational*

***This school is currently in temporary accommodation in the Ballinteer_Stepaside_DLR school planning area but the permanent location will be in the Goatstown_Stillorgan_DLR school planning area.*

4.1.2 Parental Preferences

The table below sets out the valid first preferences received by each applicant patron:

Applicant Patron	Valid First Preferences
An Foras Pátrúnachta	74
Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)	77
Educate Together	419
Total Valid First Preferences	570

4.2 Language

4.2.1 Existing Provision

(i) Gaelscoileanna (Primary Level)

The following are the details of the Irish–medium gaelscoileanna located within the school planning areas, and in the adjoining school planning areas.

A) Within the school planning areas

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Enrolment 2019/20		Approx. distance from nearest existing gaelcholáiste	Approx. distance from proposed location of the new school
					TOTAL	6th		
18451J	Scoil Lorcáin	Dún Laoghaire	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	484	59	3.8km (Coláiste Eoin & Coláiste Íosagáin)	4.3km
20518E	Gaelscoil Laighean**	Dún Laoghaire	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Multi-D	12	0	5.2km (Coláiste Eoin & Coláiste Íosagáin)	3.7km

*Ethos : Multi-D = Multi-denominational

**Established in 2019

B) In adjoining school planning areas

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Enrolment 2019/20		Approx. distance from nearest existing gaelcholáiste	Approx. distance from proposed location of the new school
					TOTAL	6th		
18817C	S N Brighde	Dublin6_C Ionskeagh	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	436	55	4.8km (Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh)	8.0km
20048Q	Gaelscoil Lios Na nÓg	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Catholic	228	26	4.8km (Coláiste Eoin & Coláiste Íosagáin)	8.0km
20425U	Gaelscoil Shliabh Rua**	Sallynoggin_Killiney_DLR	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Multi-D	236	0	7.2km (Coláiste Eoin & Coláiste Íosagáin)	5.4km

*Ethos : Multi-D = Multi-denominational

**Established in 2013

(ii) Gaelcholáistí/Irish–medium Aonaid (Post-Primary Level)

The following are details of any Irish-medium Gaelcholáistí or, where relevant, English-medium schools with an Irish-medium Unit (Aonad) within the school planning areas, and in the adjoining school planning areas.

A) Within the school planning area

Roll No	School Name	School Type	School planning area	Patron	Ethos	Enrolment 2019/20	Approx. distance from proposed location of the new school
60041D	Coláiste Eoin	Irish	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	496	3.4km
60042F	Coláiste Íosagáin	Irish	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	CEIST	Catholic	485	3.4km

B) In adjoining school planning areas

There are no Gaelcholáistí or English-medium schools with an Aonad (Irish-medium Unit) within the adjoining school planning areas.

Attached at Appendix A to this report is a map of the school planning areas and surrounding areas, including the locations of the above Irish-medium schools for information. Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock was chosen as the mid-point of the map given the proposed location of the new school.

4.2.2 Parental Preferences

Breakdown of valid first preferences by language preference

Language Preference	An Foras Pátrúnachta		Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board		Educate Together		Total Preferences	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
English	10		72		407		489	
Irish	58		4		1		63	
Aonad*	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	21	37	2	2	0	1	23	40
No Preference	6		1		11		18	
Total first preferences	74		77		419		570	

*In order to have more clarity in relation to a parental preference for Irish-medium education at post-primary level, an additional question was added to this OPPS survey. For those parents who indicated a preference for Irish-medium in response to the question on their preferred language for the new school, the following question was also asked: "If you selected Irish as your language preference, would you consider sending your child to an Aonad (Irish-language unit) in an English-

language school in the event that a Gaelcholáiste (Irish-language school) was not established in the area?". The options were "yes" or "no". An information box providing a short description of Aonaid was also provided.

The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction is relatively low (63 or 11.05% of first preferences) compared with 489 (85.79%) of preferences for English-medium while 18 (or 3.16%) of parents did not specify a preference in relation to language. Of those who expressed a preference for Irish, 23 of 63 (36.51%) indicated that they would consider sending their child to an Aonad in the event that a Gaelcholáiste was not established in the area.

The two gaelscoileanna in the Booterstown_Blackrock & Dún Laoghaire school planning areas are located up to 4.3km from the proposed location of the new school and up to 5.2km from two existing gaelcholáistí. These gaelscoileanna had a combined enrolment of 59 6th class pupils in 2019/20.

There were 81 pupils in sixth class in total in the three gaelscoileanna located in the adjoining school planning areas in 2019/20. Two of the three gaelscoileanna are located closer to an existing Gaelcholáiste than they are to the proposed location of the new school.

An Foras Pátrúnachta is the only applicant patron to propose an Irish-medium school while the other two applicant patrons propose an English-medium school, with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board expressing their willingness to offer an Irish-medium school if demand exists for same. All applicants who propose an English-medium school have confirmed they are willing to open an Aonad should the demand require it.

5. Conclusions

- All patrons have confirmed that they will satisfy the requirements as set out by the Department for the patronage of new schools.
- All the models would increase diversity by providing multi-denominational provision in the area.
- Educate Together received the highest number of valid first preferences i.e. 419.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 63 of 570 valid first preferences (11.05%) compared with 489 of 570 valid first preferences (85.79%) for English-medium instruction. It is noted that two gaelcholáistí are located within *circa*. 3.4km of the planned location of the new school. It is also noted that Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh is located *circa*. 8.1km from the planned location of the new school and is a growing school. It is expected that these schools between them have sufficient school places to accommodate this level of demand in the short term. Given the number of new gaelscoileanna which have opened in recent years or are planned to open, the Department is keeping the position under active review as these schools grow and the number of 6th class pupils in gaelscoileanna increases.
- Based on the results of the parental preferences and broader analysis, including the extent of diversity currently available in this and the adjoining school planning areas, the analysis indicates that the patronage of the new post-primary school for Booterstown_Blackrock & Dún Laoghaire school planning areas should be awarded to Educate Together to provide a multi-denominational Voluntary Secondary School with English as the language of instruction.

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APPENDIX A

Boosterstown_Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire (Regional Solution)

