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**Report on the surveys regarding parental preferences  
on primary school patronage.**

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## **Report to the New Schools Establishment Group on the surveys regarding parental preferences on primary school patronage.**

### **Background**

The Minister for Education and Skills outlined his action plan in response to the report of the Advisory Group to the Forum on Patronage and Pluralism in the Primary Sector in June of last year. As part of the action plan the Minister announced that surveys of parental preferences in 44 areas would be undertaken, beginning with five pilot areas in the autumn of 2012.

All of the areas to be surveyed under this process fit the following criteria:

- Population of between 5,000 and 20,000 inhabitants according to the 2011 census
- Population has increased by less than 20% during the intercensal period 2006 to 2011

Surveys were undertaken on a pilot basis initially in five areas and a report was published on these in December 2012. Thereafter consultations took place between the stakeholders regarding the pilot survey and changes that might be required for the next phase of survey work. Following these consultations it was agreed that Kildare, while in the original list of areas, should not be surveyed given the fact that a new multi-denominational English language school opened in the town in September 2012 and a new gaelscoil is opening in September 2013. This report has been prepared for the New Schools Establishment Group regarding the 38 outstanding areas to be surveyed and the analysis of the outcomes in each area. The report is comprised of this overall summary document and the separate detailed analysis documents in respect of each of the 38 areas that were surveyed and which are contained in the Appendices. Appendix A is a sample of the paper survey which is similar to the on-line survey.

The aim of the surveys is to establish the level of parental demand for a wider choice in the patronage of primary schools within these areas. The areas concerned have relatively stable populations and in these circumstances there is little prospect that new schools will be established there over the next number of years for demographic reasons. Therefore the only mechanism for alternative patrons to become involved in school provision in these areas is through the possible divestment of some existing school provision in the areas provided there is sufficient parental demand for wider choice of patronage.

The surveys were conducted mainly through an online facility that was developed specifically for this purpose. Paper survey forms were made available through local libraries for parents in the areas concerned and through the provision of a free phone help line for anyone who wished to request a paper survey. The total number of responses received was 12,813 and of these 12,433 were online while the remaining 380 were received on paper forms.

In order to inform parents, a self description of school ethos was provided by each of the patron bodies for inclusion in general information material. These descriptions were circulated to each of the patron bodies to allow for any observations in advance of publication. The patron bodies also agreed a code of conduct in respect of canvassing and promotional spend during the survey period.

## Validation of survey responses

Responses to the survey have been considered invalid if they do not contain the PPS number of the respondent, the address of the respondent or their name. The survey responses have been checked against data held by the Department of Social Protection to ensure that the children listed in each response are linked to the PPS number given in the survey and that the address held for that PPS number relates to the relevant area. A total of 2,098 survey responses were deemed invalid because no PPSN or names were supplied and also some were duplicates.

A data protection protocol was published to govern the use of personal information including PPS numbers. This was to provide assurances to respondents in respect of the protection of their confidentiality and data protection rights.

## Summary of survey responses

Table 1 below indicates the response levels to the survey in each of the 38 areas. It will be noted that the total number of valid survey responses of 10,715 represents the preferences of the parents/guardians of almost 20,400 children across the 38 areas. Almost 72% of the overall numbers of children concerned are primary school pupils while the remaining 28% of the cohort are pre-school children. While there are some variations in the ratio of primary school pupils to pre-school children in each of the thirty eight surveys, the variations are not very significant.

**Table 1:**

Area	Number of valid survey responses	Total number of children referred to by the responses	Number of Primary school children referred to by the responses	Number of pre-school children referred to by the responses
Ballina	238	477	338	139
Ballinasloe	189	363	262	101
Bandon	170	360	255	105
Birr	220	392	266	126
Buncrana	257	496	341	155
Carrick-on-Suir	181	343	249	94
Carrigaline	374	746	533	213
Celbridge	299	555	399	156
Clonmel	544	998	740	258
Cobh	265	504	347	157
Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines)	470	892	551	341
Dungarvan	239	429	307	122
Edenderry	353	667	499	168
Enniscorthy	243	452	323	129

Fermoy	148	298	193	105
Kells	153	284	171	113
Killarney	377	694	513	181
Leixlip	193	428	292	136
Longford	239	463	319	144
Loughrea	213	387	263	124
Malahide	646	1,287	922	365
Monaghan	188	350	271	79
Nenagh	167	313	215	98
New Ross	194	367	273	94
Palmerstown	397	682	532	150
Passage West	191	391	266	125
Portmarnock	336	688	484	204
Roscommon	289	565	416	149
Roscrea	72	135	94	41
Rush	370	684	539	145
Shannon	720	1,289	958	331
Skerries	414	846	608	238
Thurles	217	417	318	99
Tipperary	339	599	473	126
Tuam	185	377	256	121
Westport	184	359	266	93
Wicklow	333	619	424	195
Youghal	108	173	126	47
<b>Totals</b>	10,715	20,369	14,602	5,767

Table 2 below outlines the preferences that were expressed regarding Irish and English language medium of instruction. It is noted that the preferences expressed for English medium instruction ranged from 48% to 88% (except in the case of Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines) where the figure was 27%) of overall responses while the preferences expressed for Irish medium instruction ranged from 4% to 31% of the overall responses.

**Table 2:**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Number of responses with expressed preferences for English medium tuition</b>	<b>Number of responses with expressed preferences for Irish medium tuition</b>
Ballina	266	27
Ballinasloe	281	47
Bandon	285	35
Birr	277	66
Buncrana	350	87
Carrick-on-Suir	297	23
Carrigaline	506	156
Celbridge	486	41
Clonmel	864	57

Cobh	381	65
Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines)	241	103
Dungarvan	269	101
Edenderry	589	45
Enniscorthy	361	30
Fermoy	176	91
Kells	213	34
Killarney	519	120
Leixlip	284	109
Longford	372	45
Loughrea	244	93
Malahide	1,120	78
Monaghan	257	62
Nenagh	204	69
New Ross	319	23
Palmerstown	495	92
Passage West	331	23
Portmarnock	593	55
Roscommon	451	77
Roscrea	105	8
Rush	520	95
Shannon	1,133	49
Skerries	608	125
Thurles	304	70
Tipperary	493	65
Tuam	292	59
Westport	269	53
Wicklow	299	88
Youghal	113	35

Table 3 below indicates the level of parental support that was expressed in relation to the provision of greater choice in primary school patronage in the survey areas.

**Table 3:**

Area	Number of responses in support of a wider choice of patronage in the area	Number of responses that would avail of a wider choice of patronage in the area	Number of responses not in support of a wider choice of patronage
Ballina	167	105	170
Ballinasloe	102	63	206
Bandon	146	102	126
Birr	130	109	186
Buncrana	122	78	291
Carrick-on-Suir	102	84	142
Carrigaline	242	173	306
Celbridge	250	162	199
Clonmel	372	250	351
Cobh	194	156	192
Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines)	587	488	179
Dungarvan	199	133	140
Edenderry	152	106	390

Enniscorthy	161	112	179
Fermoy	140	92	92
Kells	148	121	77
Killarney	221	135	351
Leixlip	196	130	177
Longford	147	97	232
Loughrea	138	107	154
Malahide	415	268	621
Monaghan	87	66	162
Nenagh	138	107	103
New Ross	145	117	146
Palmerstown	245	174	286
Passage West	170	118	135
Portmarnock	208	144	364
Roscommon	176	120	269
Roscrea	28	21	70
Rush	218	149	317
Shannon	234	154	816
Skerries	220	134	442
Thurles	135	73	199
Tipperary	126	98	393
Tuam	152	112	139
Westport	178	148	111
Wicklow	354	295	144
Youghal	78	56	54

Table 4 indicates the level of parental preferences expressed for patron bodies that applied to be considered for primary school patronage in the 38 areas. This table outlines only the 1<sup>st</sup> preferences that were expressed in each area. Full details on all the preferences expressed in this regard are included in the separate detailed analysis documents in respect of each of the 38 areas which are contained in the Appendices.

**Table 4:**

Area	1 <sup>st</sup> preferences in support of Educate Together	1 <sup>st</sup> preferences in support of VEC	1 <sup>st</sup> preferences in support of An Foras Patrúnachta	1 <sup>st</sup> preferences in support of National Learning Network	1 <sup>st</sup> preferences in support of Redeemed Christian Church of God
Ballina	82	3	15	N/A	N/A
Ballinasloe	30	16	30	N/A	N/A
Bandon	61	9	27	N/A	N/A
Birr	39	31	54	N/A	N/A
Buncrana	37	12	23	N/A	N/A
Carrick-on-Suir	57	16	3	N/A	N/A
Carrigaline	N/A	102	30	N/A	N/A
Celbridge	N/A	104	22	N/A	N/A
Clonmel	138	31	46	18	N/A
Cobh	111	11	14	N/A	0
Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines)	299	6	162	N/A	8
Dungarvan	85	6	38	N/A	N/A

Edenderry	63	0	34	N/A	N/A
Enniscorthy	70	12	29	N/A	N/A
Fermoy	63	8	20	N/A	N/A
Kells	90	14	16	N/A	N/A
Killarney	83	27	15	N/A	N/A
Leixlip	89	24	21	N/A	N/A
Longford	47	0	29	15	3
Loughrea	75	13	N/A	N/A	N/A
Malahide	193	27	31	N/A	N/A
Monaghan	42	13	9	3	N/A
Nenagh	63	7	26	N/A	N/A
New Ross	67	23	33	N/A	N/A
Palmerstown	94	39	47	N/A	N/A
Passage West	68	24	15	N/A	N/A
Portmarnock	101	21	21	N/A	N/A
Roscommon	52	11	42	N/A	N/A
Roscrea	11	3	6	N/A	N/A
Rush	75	26	46	N/A	N/A
Shannon	97	10	15	N/A	4
Skerries	N/A	65	38	N/A	N/A
Thurles	50	13	7	N/A	N/A
Tipperary	55	17	16	N/A	N/A
Tuam	77	20	19	N/A	N/A
Westport	75	11	60	N/A	N/A
Wicklow	N/A	53	204	N/A	N/A
Youghal	41	8	5	N/A	N/A

## Conclusions

The purpose of the surveys is to establish the level of local parental demand for a wider choice of primary school patronage. The separate detailed analysis documents in respect of each of the 38 areas that were surveyed, contained in the Appendices, concentrate on analysing the questions in the survey which deal with the desire for change in school patronage. Those reports also examine the expressed demand for the provision of primary education through the medium of the Irish language in each of the 38 areas.

The detailed analysis of the parental preferences expressed in each of the areas surveyed as part of the survey exercise indicates that there is sufficient parental demand supporting immediate changes in school patronage in 23 of the 38 areas. While there is a cohort of parents who would welcome some change in each of the remaining 15 areas the levels of support for change are not at the level that would ensure a viable school at this time. In assessing this, account has been taken of first preference and subsequent preference expressions. The sustainability of the demand was considered by reference to the pre-school preference expression numbers. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

The levels of parental demand for a wider choice of school patronage and the number of children have been quantified for each area. In absolute numbers terms, there is sufficient demand to sustain the establishment of English language multi-denominational schools in 22 areas and demand to sustain an Irish language school in



1 of the areas. The current staffing schedules were used as a barometer to assess what would be viable demand into the future and for this purpose a four teacher school was selected as the approximate level of viable demand.

Given the overall response rates in respect of both primary and pre-primary children, it would be reasonable to assume that the ultimate level of demand, in absolute numbers, is likely to grow from the level quantified through these surveys. In this regard it might be useful to note the experience of the rate of growth and development of the new schools that were established during the period between 2002 and 2008, many of which were either English medium multi-denominational schools or were all-Irish schools. During that period the minimum pupil numbers required to commence a new school was 17 junior infants rising to a total of 51 pupils after 3 years. Many of those new schools were commenced with just the minimum pupil numbers and within a number of years subsequently grew incrementally to become full single stream schools accommodating up to 224 pupils. In some other cases the new schools subsequently expanded to become two stream schools that catered for up to 448 pupils.

Of the 38 areas there are gaelscoileanna in 30 of them and in these areas the level of expressed parental preferences for the provision of primary education through the medium of Irish is very close to the level of current all-Irish provision in these areas. It may be necessary to monitor enrolments in the all-Irish schools in these areas to ensure that the schools have sufficient capacity to cater for the level of demand presenting over the coming years.

Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the 23 areas with a requirement for change and their possible reconfiguration will need to be undertaken to see what scope exists for school buildings to be freed up for a new patron(s) commensurate with the level of expressed parental demand. In some instances, for example, the reorganisation of schools within the survey areas into fully vertical (junior infant to sixth class) co-educational schools might create sufficient spare capacity or free up school buildings to provide for a new patron body. There was a widespread demand for co-educational schooling across almost all areas. Some of the considerations that might apply in the case of each of the survey areas are provided in the detailed survey analysis reports contained in the Appendices. These considerations may be of value when the detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools and their possible reconfiguration is being undertaken by Patrons in the relevant survey areas. Any examination of the options to free up school buildings (or parts thereof) for new patrons should also take into account the likely future long-term size of any such school and not just the size of the new patron school at its commencement date.

In this regard, it is proposed that the main patron (Catholic Bishop / Archbishop) in the identified areas should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would free up accommodation for at least one full stream for provision by the first choice alternative Patron.

## **Appendix - Ballina**

### **Ballina Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 274 responses to the survey in the Ballina area and of these 271 were online while 3 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 536 children. Thirty six surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 477 children of whom 139 are pre-school children while 338 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 280 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 113 are from within 5km of the town, 49 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 20 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 13 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Ballina over the last decade have increased from 1,493 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,954 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,008 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 939 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 235 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 248 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,996 while there are 839 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 671 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 6 schools within the town and 10 more within a 5km range of the town. Fourteen of the sixteen schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,836 or 94% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 26 pupils enrolled representing 1% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 85 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 292 school going preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 266 preferences for English and 26 for Irish. It is important to note that due to technical problems parents of pre-school children in this area were not asked the question regarding their choice of language. Nevertheless the current gaelscoil is not yet a full single stream school and therefore should have scope to expand its enrolments to cater for those who want all Irish primary education.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 167 of the 477 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 105 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 105 there were 48 pre-school children and 57 school-going children. Of these 57 there are 37 in junior infant to

second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 49 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 20 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 13 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 82 first preferences for Educate Together, 15 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 3 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 103 preferences for Educate Together, 36 for the VEC and 65 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 85. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 274 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 212 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 44 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 41 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 103 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 55 are school going and 48 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Ballina - Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	139	338	477
I would prefer English -	0	266	266
I would prefer Irish -	1	26	27
I have no language preference -	0	46	46
I would prefer a wider choice -	62	105	167
I would avail of a wider choice -	48	57	105
I do not want a wider choice -	40	130	170
I would not avail of a wider choice -	64	210	274
I have no preference on a wider choice	32	103	135
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	22	71	93
My first preference is An Foras	6	9	15
My first preference is ET	39	43	82
My first preference is VEC	2	1	3
My second preference is An Foras	26	13	39
My second preference is ET	6	9	14
My second preference is VEC	0	12	12
My third preference is An Foras	3	7	10
My third preference is ET	5	3	7
My third preference is VEC	13	8	21
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Killala	51	182	233
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Achonry	1	8	9
Current patron first preference CoI	0	1	1
Current patron first preference An Foras	0	4	4
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Killala	2	23	25
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Achonry	8	17	25
Current patron second preference CoI	1	5	6
Current patron second preference An Foras	0	1	1
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop of Killala	1	11	12
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop of Achonry	0	2	2
Current patron third preference CoI	3	8	11
Current patron third preference An Foras	1	1	2
Current patron fourth preference Catholic Bishop of Killala	1	8	9
Current patron fourth preference Catholic Bishop of Achonry	0	0	0
Current patron fourth preference CoI	0	3	3
Current patron fourth preference An Foras	1	4	5
I would like current schools reorganised -	53	159	212
Total Preferences ET	48	55	103
Total Preferences VEC	15	21	36
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	36	29	65
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Killala	55	224	279
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Achonry	9	27	36
Total Preferences Church of Ireland Bishop	4	17	21

Total Preferences An Foras	2	10	12
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	17	25	42
0 to 5 KM from town	6	14	20
6 to 10 KM from town	6	7	13
11 to 15 KM from town	6	7	13
16 to 20 KM from town	2	0	2
Over 20KM from town	2	4	6
	39	57	96
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	83	197	280
0 to 5	28	85	113
6 to 10	12	37	49
11 to 15	10	10	20
16 to 20	2	0	2
Over 20	4	7	11
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	24	25	49
0 to 5	6	14	20
6 to 10	6	7	13
11 to 15	8	7	15
16 to 20	2	0	2
Over 20	2	4	6

## Ballina - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
BEHEYMORE N S	Ballina	2km	128	176	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
BREAFY N S	Ballina	2km	223	238	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
KNOCKANILLO N S	Ballina	2km	44	42	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
S N NAOMH IOSEPH	Raithini	2km	160	189	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
GARRACLOON N S	Ballina	5km	46	35	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
CLOGHANS N S	Ballina	5km	43	30	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
CORBALLA N S	Ballina	5km	65	98	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
S N TIGHEARNAIN NAOFA	Ballina	5km	61	83	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
BOFIELD MIXED N S	Attymass	5km	46	33	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Achonry
COONEAL N.S.	Cooneal	5km	76	106	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
CULLENS N S	Knockduff	CSO	132	238	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
SAINT MICHAELS N S	Church Road	CSO	13	26	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Tuam, Killala & Achonry COI
QUIGNAMANGER N S	Ballina	CSO	243	267	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killala
S N NAOMH PADRAIG B	Ballina	CSO	158	69	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Killala
Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maol	Aonad 3, Páirc Gnó, Bóthar Cill Álla	CSO	55	85	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta
Scoil Íosa	Convent Hill	CSO	0	239	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Bishop of Killala

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Ballinasloe**

### **Ballinasloe – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 225 responses to the survey in the Ballinasloe area and of these 216 were online while 9 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 429 children. Thirty six surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 363 children of whom 101 are pre-school children while 262 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 201 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 93 are from within 5km of the town, 28 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 10 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 31 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Ballinasloe over the last decade have fallen from 1,125 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,120 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 572 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 533 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 106 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 103 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,231 while there are 512 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 435 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 6 more within a 5km range of the town. Seven of the nine schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 941 or 85% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 5 pupils enrolled representing less than 1% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 159 pupils. Given that there were 13 pre-school preferences for Irish language education it would seem there is adequate accommodation for this type of education in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 328 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 281 preferences for English and 47 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Ballinasloe given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 102 of the 363 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 63 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 63 there were 25 pre-school children and 38 school-going children. Of these 38 there are 20 in junior infant to

second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 35 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 12 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 4 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 30 first preferences for Educate Together, 30 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 16 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 55 preferences for Educate Together, 45 for the VEC and 54 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 46. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 265 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 174 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 31 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 1 classroom. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 15 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 55 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 33 are school going and 22 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 1 classroom) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.



## Ballinasloe – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	101	262	363
I would prefer English -	75	206	281
I would prefer Irish -	13	34	47
I have no language preference -	13	17	30
I would prefer a wider choice -	35	67	102
I would avail of a wider choice -	25	38	63
I do not want a wider choice -	53	153	206
I would not avail of a wider choice -	64	201	265
I have no preference on a wider choice	13	37	50
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	12	18	30
My first preference is An Foras	9	21	30
My first preference is ET	14	16	30
My first preference is VEC	1	15	16
My second preference is An Foras	9	9	17
My second preference is ET	10	17	24
My second preference is VEC	0	7	7
My third preference is An Foras	3	5	7
My third preference is ET	2	0	1
My third preference is VEC	7	15	22
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	62	191	253
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	0	0	0
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	22	78	100
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	4	16	20
I would like current schools reorganised -	41	133	174
Total Preferences ET	22	33	55
Total Preferences VEC	8	37	45
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	19	35	54
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	84	269	353
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	4	16	20
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	6	7	13
0 to 5 KM from town	1	3	4
6 to 10 KM from town	1	2	3
11 to 15 KM from town	1	0	1
16 to 20 KM from town	3	1	4
Over 20KM from town	2	3	5
	14	16	30
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	56	145	201
0 to 5	20	73	93
6 to 10	7	21	28

11 to 15	5	5	10
16 to 20	8	5	13
Over 20	5	13	18
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	13	22	35
0 to 5	4	8	12
6 to 10	2	2	4
11 to 15	1	0	1
16 to 20	3	1	4
Over 20	2	5	7

### Ballinasloe Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
Scoil Mhuire, Newtown, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon <i>(Mixed)</i>	Newtown	2km	64	62	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
SN Naomh Treasa, Killure, Ahascragh <i>(Mixed)</i>	Killure	5km	24	23	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
The Glebe NS, Aughrim, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Aughrim	5km	14	5	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardferf COI
Attyrory NS, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Ballinaloe	5km	30	32	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
SN Caitriona Naofa, Aughrim, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Eachdruim	5km	85	113	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
Aibhistin Naofa, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Cluain na Chumainn	5km	69	40	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
SN Muire Gan Smal, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Ballinasloe	CSO	377	420	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
SN Ui Cheithearnaigh, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Cuirt na Chumainn	CSO	176	159	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
Scoil An Chroi Naofa, Ballinasloe <i>(Mixed)</i>	Ballinalsoe	CSO	286	266	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary. Appendix - Bandon

## **Bandon – Report**

### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 208 responses to the survey in the Bandon area and of these 198 were online while 10 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 429 children. Thirty eight surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 360 children of whom 105 are pre-school children while 255 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 144 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 127 are from within 5km of the town, 63 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 17 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 9 are 15km or more from the town.

### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Bandon over the last decade have increased from 1,264 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,392 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 670 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 721 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 110 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 124 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 923 while there are 387 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 303 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 4 more within a 5km range of the town. Six of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,104 or 79% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 183 pupils enrolled representing under 13% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 104 pupils.

### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 320 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 285 preferences for English and 35 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Bandon given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town and there were just 10 pre-school preferences for Irish language education.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 146 of the 360 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 102 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 102 there were 33 pre-school children and 69 school going children. Of these 69 there are 37 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 43 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 27 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 26 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 61 first preferences for Educate Together, 27 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 9 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational

school. In total there were 90 preferences for Educate Together, 48 for the VEC and 58 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 70. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 204 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 129 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 49 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 21 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 90 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 63 are school going and 27 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 1 classroom) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Bandon – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	105	255	360
I would prefer English -	80	205	285
I would prefer Irish -	10	25	35
I have no language preference -	7	23	30
I would prefer a wider choice -	43	103	146
I would avail of a wider choice -	33	69	102
I do not want a wider choice -	35	91	126
I would not avail of a wider choice -	51	153	204
I have no preference on a wider choice	19	59	78
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	13	31	44
My first preference is An Foras	8	19	27
My first preference is ET	17	44	61
My first preference is VEC	4	5	9
My second preference is An Foras	4	15	19
My second preference is ET	8	14	22
My second preference is VEC	10	13	23
My third preference is An Foras	6	6	12
My third preference is ET	2	5	7
My third preference is VEC	3	13	16
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	42	122	164
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	5	19	24
Current patron first preference An Foras	2	9	11
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	11	22	33
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	0	13	13
Current patron second preference An Foras	7	21	28
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	9	11	20
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	1	11	12
Current patron third preference An Foras	2	4	6
I would like current schools reorganised -	33	96	129
Total Preferences ET	27	63	90
Total Preferences VEC	17	31	48
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	18	40	58
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	53	144	197
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	5	32	37
Total Preferences An Foras	9	30	39
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	5	17	22
0 to 5 KM from town	8	10	18
6 to 10 KM from town	4	11	15
11 to 15 KM from town	0	6	6
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0

Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	17	44	61
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	46	98	144
0 to 5	33	94	127
6 to 10	16	47	63
11 to 15	3	14	17
16 to 20	5	1	6
Over 20	2	1	3
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	12	31	43
0 to 5	12	15	27
6 to 10	9	17	26
11 to 15	0	6	6
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Bandon - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SCOIL BHRIDE	Cros mhathuna	2km	135	227	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
LARAGH N S	Bandon	5km	91	148	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
CASTLEALAC K N S	Chaislean Na Leacht	5km	21	75	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
S N INIS EOGHANAIN	Inish Eoghnán	5km	273	266	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
PRESENTATION CONVENT	Bandon	CSO	213	193	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Cork & Ross
SN DROICHEAD NA BANDAN	Bandon	CSO	166	183	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross COI
BANDON BOYS NS	Bandon	CSO	171	196	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Cork & Ross
GAELSCOIL DROICHEAD NA BANDAN	C/o GAA Pavilion	CSO	194	104	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrúnachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Birr**

### **Birr – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 278 responses to the survey in the Birr area and of these 258 were online while 20 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 495 children. Fifty eight surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 392 children of whom 126 are pre-school children while 266 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 236 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 94 are from within 5km of the town, 33 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 18 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 11 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Birr over the last decade have increased from 845 pupils in 2001 to a total of 916 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 470 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 448 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 80 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 89 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 965 while there are 363 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 364 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 2 more within a 5km range of the town. Five of the six schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 832 or 91% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with 86 pupils enrolled representing fewer than 9% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 343 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 277 preferences for English and 66 for Irish. It should be noted that there is no all Irish primary education provision in the area.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 130 of the 392 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 109 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 109 there were 57 pre-school children and 52 school going children. Of these 52 there are 31 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 57 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 28 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 14 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.



There were 39 first preferences for Educate Together, 54 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 31 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 81 preferences for Educate Together, 51 for the VEC and 91 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 50 while those for An Foras total 54. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available while there is also a very strong unmet demand for all Irish education.

Of the 240 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 127 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for an English language multi-denominational school in the area.

There were expressions representing 21 school going children that stated they would avail of an Irish medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 1 classroom. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 33 pre-school children that stated they would avail of an Irish medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for An Foras Pátrúnachta at 91 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 46 are school going and 45 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an An Foras Pátrúnachta (Irish language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Birr – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	126	266	392
I would prefer English -	69	208	277
I would prefer Irish -	40	26	66
I have no language preference -	16	32	48
I would prefer a wider choice -	62	68	130
I would avail of a wider choice -	57	52	109
I do not want a wider choice -	42	144	186
I would not avail of a wider choice -	58	182	240
I have no preference on a wider choice	21	54	75
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	11	32	43
My first preference is An Foras	33	21	54
My first preference is ET	12	27	39
My first preference is VEC	7	4	11
My second preference is An Foras	9	19	23
My second preference is ET	24	16	40
My second preference is VEC	0	6	6
My third preference is An Foras	9	8	14
My third preference is ET	0	2	2
My third preference is VEC	11	24	34
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	52	13	65
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	0	9	9
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	16	0	16
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	0	13	13
I would like current schools reorganised -	35	92	127
Total Preferences ET	36	45	81
Total Preferences VEC	17	34	51
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	45	46	91
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	68	13	81
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	0	22	22
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	18	9	27
0 to 5 KM from town	11	8	19
6 to 10 KM from town	3	2	5
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	1	2	3
	33	21	54
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	67	169	236

0 to 5	35	59	94
6 to 10	12	21	33
11 to 15	7	11	18
16 to 20	4	3	7
Over 20	1	3	4
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	31	26	57
0 to 5	15	13	28
6 to 10	8	6	14
11 to 15	2	4	6
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	1	3	4

### Birr - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SN An Cillin, Birr ( <i>Mixed</i> )	Birr	2km	74	89	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
Carrig NS, Birr ( <i>Mixed</i> )	Birr	5km	72	95	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
Mercy Primary School, Birr ( <i>Girls</i> )	Birr	CSO	233	215	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Killaloe
SN Osmann, Birr ( <i>Mixed</i> )(COI)	Birr	CSO	71	86	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert COI
St Brendans Monastery, Birr ( <i>Boys</i> )	Birr	CSO	217	238	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Killaloe
Croinchoill NS, Birr ( <i>Mixed</i> )	Crinkle	CSO	178	195	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Buncrana**

### **Buncrana – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 310 responses to the survey in the Buncrana area and of these 308 were online while 2 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 570 children. Fifty three surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 496 children of whom 155 are pre-school children while 341 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 285 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 143 are from within 5km of the town, 35 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 8 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 25 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Buncrana over the last decade have increased from 1,050 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,281 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 610 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 637 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 131 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 118 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 992 while there are 397 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 368 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools in the town and 2 others within a 5km range of the town. Four of the six schools are English language; Catholic mixed primary schools with a total enrolment of 1,043 representing 83% of the primary pupils in the areas schools. There is 1 English language Church of Ireland mixed school with 31 pupils or 3% of the total and 1 inter-denominational all Irish school with an enrolment of 173 pupils or 14% of the total in the area. The current gaelscoil has capacity for in excess of 20 junior infants each year and the number of pre-school preferences for all Irish education was 24 indicating that this school can cater for Buncrana at present.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 437 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 350 preferences for English and 87 for Irish. Given the fact that there is a single stream gaelscoil in Buncrana the demand for all Irish primary education, as surfaced by this survey, would seem to be met currently.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 122 of the 496 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 78 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 78 there were 34 pre-school children and 44 school going children. Of these 44 there are 29 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth

class. In total 44 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 12 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 8 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 37 first preferences for Educate Together, 23 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 12 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 59 preferences for Educate Together, 47 for the VEC and 49 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 49. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 343 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 232 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 21 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill 1 classroom. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 28 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 59 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 28 are school going and 31 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of about one quarter of a stream (comprising of 2 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Buncrana – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	155	341	496
I would prefer English -	104	246	350
I would prefer Irish -	24	63	87
I have no language preference -	22	32	54
I would prefer a wider choice -	48	74	122
I would avail of a wider choice -	34	44	78
I do not want a wider choice -	80	211	291
I would not avail of a wider choice -	92	251	343
I have no preference on a wider choice	22	56	78
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	22	46	68
My first preference is An Foras	6	17	23
My first preference is ET	22	15	37
My first preference is VEC	6	6	12
My second preference is An Foras	11	8	19
My second preference is ET	5	2	7
My second preference is VEC	8	15	23
My third preference is An Foras	5	2	7
My third preference is ET	4	11	15
My third preference is VEC	7	5	12
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	74	210	284
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	7	11	18
Current patron first preference An Foras	8	24	32
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	24	44	68
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	1	6	7
Current patron second preference An Foras	3	14	17
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	16	26	42
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	3	6	9
Current patron third preference An Foras	2	6	8
I would like current schools reorganised -	62	170	232
Total Preferences ET	31	28	59
Total Preferences VEC	21	26	47
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	22	27	49
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	98	254	352
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	8	17	25
Total Preferences An Foras	11	38	49
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	9	10	19
0 to 5 KM from town	4	4	8
6 to 10 KM from town	1	1	2
11 to 15 KM from town	2	0	2
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0

Over 20KM from town	6	0	6
	22	15	37
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	88	197	285
0 to 5	43	100	143
6 to 10	8	27	35
11 to 15	3	5	8
16 to 20	3	7	10
Over 20	10	5	15
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	17	27	44
0 to 5	6	6	12
6 to 10	1	7	8
11 to 15	2	0	2
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	8	4	12

## Buncrana - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SCOIL NAOMH IÓSAF	Ballymagan	5km	83	78	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Derry
S N NAOMH EIGHNEACH	Diseart Eighnigh	5km	94	76	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Derry
ST ORANS N S	Buncrana	CSO	214	220	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Derry
BUNCRANA N S	Buncrana	CSO	38	31	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Derry & Raphoe COI
SCOIL IOSAGAIN	Buncrana	CSO	570	703	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Derry
GAELSCOIL BHUN CRANNACH	Buncrana	CSO	51	173	INTER DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.



## **Appendix – Carrick-on-Suir**

### **Carrick-on-Suir – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 227 responses to the survey in the Carrick-on-Suir area and of these 215 were online while 12 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 424 children. Forty six surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 343 children of whom 94 are pre-school children while 249 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 184 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 126 are from within 5km of the town and 33 are between 5km and 10km from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in the Carrick-on-Suir area over the last decade have increased from 1,148 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,338 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 637 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 701 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 81 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 68 five year olds by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,068 while there are 411 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 412 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a stable school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 5 more within a 5km range of the town. Seven of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,149 or 86% of the total enrolment. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with 189 pupils or 14% of total enrolments in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 320 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 297 preferences for English and 23 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Carrick-on-Suir given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town. The number of pre-school preferences expressing a preference for all Irish education was 4.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 102 of the 343 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 84 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 84 there were 28 pre-school children and 56 school going children. Of these 56 there are 26 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 47 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 22 are from within 5km of the town boundary and 15 are from between 5km and 10km of the town.

There were 57 first preferences for Educate Together, 13 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 16 for the VEC (this figure combines the preferences for Waterford and South Tipperary VEC). The VEC is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 76 preferences for Educate Together, 72 for the VEC and 32 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 73. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 181 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 99 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 48 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 25 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 76 total preferences ((i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 50 are school going and 26 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of up to 3 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Carrick-on-Suir – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	94	249	343
I would prefer English -	83	214	297
I would prefer Irish -	4	19	23
I have no language preference -	4	15	19
I would prefer a wider choice -	31	71	102
I would avail of a wider choice -	28	56	84
I do not want a wider choice -	43	99	142
I would not avail of a wider choice -	47	134	181
I have no preference on a wider choice	17	78	95
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	16	59	75
My first preference is An Foras	3	10	13
My first preference is ET	22	35	57
My first preference is Waterford VEC	2	1	3
My first preference is South Tipperary VEC	1	12	13
My second preference is An Foras	5	10	15
My second preference is ET	7	12	15
My second preference is Waterford VEC	1	3	4
My second preference is South Tipperary VEC	5	11	16
My third preference is An Foras	0	10	10
My third preference is ET	2	3	3
My third preference is Waterford VEC	5	7	12
My third preference is South Tipperary VEC	4	6	10
My fourth preference is An Foras	1	3	4
My fourth preference is ET	3	0	1
My fourth preference is Waterford VEC	4	6	10
My fourth preference is South Tipperary VEC	1	3	4
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop Waterford & Lismore	31	96	127
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop Ossory	10	19	29
Current patron first preference An Foras	0	3	3
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop Waterford & Lismore	11	23	34
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop Ossory	9	25	34
Current patron second preference An Foras	3	5	8
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop Waterford & Lismore	5	9	14
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop Ossory	4	5	9
Current patron third preference An Foras	4	9	13
I would like current schools reorganised -	28	71	99
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	9	23	32
Total Preferences ET	26	50	76
Total Preferences Waterford VEC	12	17	29
Total Preferences South Tipperary VEC	11	32	43
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	47	128	175
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Ossory	23	49	72

Total Preferences An Foras (Catholic)	7	17	24
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	8	18	26
0 to 5 KM from town	8	10	18
6 to 10 KM from town	6	7	13
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	22	35	57
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	44	140	184
0 to 5	37	89	126
6 to 10	13	20	33
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	12	35	47
0 to 5	8	14	22
6 to 10	8	7	15
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Carrick-on-Suir - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
CARRICKBEG N S	Carrick-on-Suir	2km	102	108	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
UPPER NEWTOWN N S	Upper Newtown	5km	36	50	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
Owning National School	Piltown	5km	85	95	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ossory
S N BAILE AN PHIULL	Piltown	5km	213	290	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ossory
BALLYNEALE N S	Carrick-on-Suir	5km	59	84	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
CLOCHAR NA TOIRBHIRTE	Carrick-on-Suir	CSO	413	360	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N MHUIRE NA MBRAITHRE	Carrick-on-Suir	CSO	189	162	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
GAELSCOIL CHARRAIG NA SIUIRE	C/o Carrick football club	CSO	51	189	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Carrigaline**

### **Carrigaline Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 425 responses to the survey in the Carrigaline area and of these 420 were online while 5 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 841 children. Fifty one surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 746 children of whom 213 are pre-school children while 533 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 322 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 269 are from within 5km of the town, 153 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 1 is from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 1 is from 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Carrigaline over the last decade have increased from 2,187 pupils in 2001 to a total of 3,078 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,506 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,553 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 312 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 291 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 3,100 while there are 1,225 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 1,182 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 7 more within a 5km range of the town. Eight of the twelve schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 2,632 or 70% of the total enrolment. There are two Church of Ireland schools with approximately 279 pupils enrolled representing 9% of total enrolments in the town. There is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 477 pupils or 16% of the total and the multi-denominational Educate Together school have 148 pupils representing 5% of the total.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 662 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 506 preferences for English and 156 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Carrigaline given that there is currently a double stream gaelscoil in the town taking in approximately 60 junior infants each year.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 242 of the 746 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 173 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 173 there were 63 pre-school children and 110 school going children. Of these 110 there are 62 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 61 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 60 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 51 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 30 first preferences for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 102 for the VEC which is proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 141 preferences for the VEC and 63 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school under the patronage of the VEC if it was available.

Of the 459 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 330 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 67 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational VEC school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 35 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for the VEC at 141 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 91 are school going and 50 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for a VEC (English language Community National School) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Carrigaline – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	213	533	746
I would prefer English -	133	373	506
I would prefer Irish -	49	107	156
I have no language preference -	27	52	79
I would prefer a wider choice -	80	162	242
I would avail of a wider choice -	63	110	173
I do not want a wider choice -	74	232	306
I would not avail of a wider choice -	114	345	459
I have no preference on a wider choice	55	138	193
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	32	77	109
My first preference is An Foras	14	16	30
My first preference is VEC	35	67	102
My second preference is An Foras	10	23	33
My second preference is VEC	15	24	39
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	84	267	351
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	9	35	44
Current patron first preference ET	13	29	42
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	10	38	48
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	13	32	45
Current patron second preference ET	12	31	43
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	8	31	39
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	0	10	10
Current patron third preference ET	6	18	24
I would like current schools reorganised -	83	247	330
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	24	39	63
Total Preferences VEC	50	91	141
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	102	336	438
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	22	77	99
Total Preferences ET	31	78	109
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference VEC</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	19	19	38
0 to 5 KM from town	7	23	30
6 to 10 KM from town	9	25	34
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	35	67	102
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	107	215	322
0 to 5	70	199	269



6 to 10	36	117	153
11 to 15	0	1	1
16 to 20	0	1	1
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	33	28	61
0 to 5	14	46	60
6 to 10	16	35	51
11 to 15	0	1	1
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Carrigaline - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SHANBALLY N S	Rinn Scide	2km	141	235	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
RINGASKIDDY LOWER HARBOUR N S	Ringaskiddy	2km	93	83	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
TEMPLEBRADY N S (COI)	Crosshaven	5km	55	70	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross COI
S N BUN AN TSABHAIRNE	Crosshaven	5km	131	188	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Cork & Ross
BALLYGARVAN N S	Ballygarven	5km	148	318	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
SN CROS TSEAIN	Bun an Taibhairne	5km	141	197	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Cork & Ross
S N CNOC NA MANACH	Minane Bridge	5km	131	136	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
SCOIL MHUIRE LOURDES	Carrigaline	CSO	392	468	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Cork & Ross
Carrigaline 3 NS/St Mary's COI	Carrigaline	CSO	201	221	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross COI
ST. JOHNS GIRLS N S	Ballea Road	CSO	481	537	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Cork & Ross
GAELSCOIL CARRIG UI LEIGHINN	Carrickaline	CSO	273	477	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
Educate Together Carrigaline	Rosemount	CSO	0	148	MULTI DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	Educate Together

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Celbridge**

### **Celbridge Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 346 responses to the survey in the Celbridge area and of these 335 were online while 11 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 648 children. Forty seven surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 555 children of whom 156 are pre-school children while 399 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 479 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 63 are from within 5km of the town, 10 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 0 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 3 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in the Celbridge area over the last decade have increased from 2,116 pupils in 2001 to a total of 2,462 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,212 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,240 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 376 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 350 five year olds by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 3,919 while there are 1,596 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 1,387 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a stable school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 6 schools within the area being surveyed. Four of the six schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 2,096 or 86% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with 130 pupils or 5% of the total and an English language multi-denominational school with 226 pupils representing 9% of the total in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 527 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 486 preferences for English and 41 for Irish. There are 6 English language schools in the area but no gaelscoil.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 250 of the 555 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 162 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 162 there were 69 pre-school children and 93 school going children. Of these 93 there are 50 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 141 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 14 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 5 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 104 first preferences for the VEC and 22 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. In total there were 137 preferences for the VEC and 52 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational VEC school if it was available.

Of the 331 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 239 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 64 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 40 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for the VEC at 137 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 80 are school going and 57 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for a VEC (English language Community National School) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Celbridge – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	156	399	555
I would prefer English -	133	353	486
I would prefer Irish -	15	26	41
I have no language preference -	8	18	26
I would prefer a wider choice -	85	165	250
I would avail of a wider choice -	69	93	162
I do not want a wider choice -	50	149	199
I would not avail of a wider choice -	70	261	331
I have no preference on a wider choice	21	82	103
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	17	43	60
My first preference is An Foras	14	8	22
My first preference is VEC	40	64	104
My second preference is An Foras	12	18	30
My second preference is VEC	17	16	33
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	54	168	222
Current patron first preference CoI Archbishop	8	44	52
Current patron first preference ET	4	36	40
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	12	34	46
Current patron second preference CoI Archbishop	4	27	31
Current patron second preference ET	12	44	56
Current patron third preference Catholic Archbishop	9	25	34
Current patron third preference CoI Archbishop	4	14	18
Current patron third preference ET	0	21	21
I would like current schools reorganised -	59	180	239
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	26	26	52
Total Preferences VEC	57	80	137
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	75	227	302
Total Preferences CoI Archbishop	16	85	101
Total Preferences ET	16	101	117
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference VEC</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	35	58	93
0 to 5 KM from town	5	6	11
6 to 10 KM from town	0	0	0
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	40	64	104
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	131	348	479
0 to 5	21	42	63

6 to 10	3	7	10
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	1	1	2
Over 20	0	1	1
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	62	79	141
0 to 5	4	10	14
6 to 10	2	3	5
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	1	1	2
Over 20	0	0	0

## Celbridge - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
PRIMROSE HILL NS	Hazelhatch road	CSO	125	130	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough COI
SCOIL BRID	Main St	CSO	553	510	CATHOLIC	All girls	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL NA MAINISTREACH	Oldtown RDS	CSO	576	640	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin
NORTH KILDARE EDUCATE TOGETHER SCH	Celbridge	CSO	242	238	MULTI DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	North Kildare Educate Together School Ltd.
Scoil Naomh Padraig	Hazelhatch Road	CSO	0	286	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
AGHARDS N S	CELBRIDGE	CSO	620	660	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Clonmel**

### **Clonmel Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 640 responses to the survey in the Clonmel area and of these 604 were online while 37 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 1,174 children. Ninety six surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 998 children of whom 258 are pre-school children while 740 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 698 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 143 are from within 5km of the town, 112 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 25 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 20 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Clonmel over the last decade have increased from 2,670 pupils in 2001 to a total of 2,762 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,333 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,415 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 242 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 255 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 2,642 while there are 1,083 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 930 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 7 schools within the town and 6 more within a 5km range of the town. Eleven of the thirteen schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 2,503 or 91% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 31 pupils enrolled representing 1% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 214 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 921 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was an overwhelming preference in the area for English language education with 864 preferences for English and 57 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Clonmel given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 372 of the 998 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 250 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 250 there were 79 pre-school children and 171 school going children. Of these 171 there are 95 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 182 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the



town, 23 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 28 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 138 first preferences for Educate Together, 46 for An Foras Pátrúnachta, 31 for South Tipperary VEC and 18 for the National Learning Network. Educate Together; the VEC and the NLN are all proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 223 preferences for Educate Together, 180 for the VEC (split between South Tipperary and Waterford VEC as outlined in the appendix), 137 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 116 for NLN. Educate Together, the NLN and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 187. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 539 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 272 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 127 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 5 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 60 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 223 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 152 are school going and 71 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop / Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Clonmel – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	258	740	998
I would prefer English -	205	659	864
I would prefer Irish -	17	40	57
I have no language preference -	21	37	58
I would prefer a wider choice -	108	264	372
I would avail of a wider choice -	79	171	250
I do not want a wider choice -	77	274	351
I would not avail of a wider choice -	106	433	539
I have no preference on a wider choice	56	197	253
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	55	126	181
My first preference is An Foras	15	31	46
My first preference is ET	45	93	138
My first preference is Waterford VEC	0	0	0
My first preference is South Tipperary VEC	12	19	31
My first preference is NLN	3	15	18
My second preference is An Foras	25	25	50
My second preference is ET	17	36	53
My second preference is Waterford VEC	1	4	5
My second preference is South Tipperary VEC	12	20	32
My second preference is NLN	12	24	36
My third preference is An Foras	4	6	10
My third preference is ET	7	21	28
My third preference is Waterford VEC	2	2	4
My third preference is South Tipperary VEC	7	34	41
My third preference is NLN	14	10	24
My fourth preference is An Foras	2	9	11
My fourth preference is ET	1	2	3
My fourth preference is Waterford VEC	7	26	33
My fourth preference is South Tipperary VEC	9	8	17
My fourth preference is NLN	3	10	13
My fifth preference is An Foras	2	18	20
My fifth preference is ET	1	0	1
My fifth preference is Waterford VEC	10	6	16
My fifth preference is South Tipperary VEC	0	1	1
My fifth preference is NLN	5	20	25
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	82	341	423
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop of Cashel & Emly	8	27	35
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	1	3	4
Current patron first preference An Foras	6	23	29
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	13	55	68
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop of Cashel & Emly	31	84	115
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	3	2	5
Current patron second preference An Foras	5	18	23
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	9	29	38
Current patron third preference Catholic Archbishop of Cashel & Emly	1	4	5
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	5	13	18
Current patron third preference An Foras	9	27	36

Current patron fourth preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	5	17	22
Current patron fourth preference Catholic Archbishop of Cashel & Emly	3	6	9
Current patron fourth preference CoI Bishop	3	21	24
Current patron fourth preference An Foras	2	7	9
I would like current schools reorganised -	60	212	272
Total Preferences ET	71	152	223
Total Preferences South Tipperary VEC	40	82	122
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	48	89	137
Total Preferences Waterford VEC	20	38	58
Total Preferences NLN	37	79	116
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	109	442	551
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop of Cashel & Emly	43	121	164
Total Preferences Church of Ireland Bishop	12	39	51
Total Preferences An Foras	22	75	97
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	31	59	90
0 to 5 KM from town	2	19	21
6 to 10 KM from town	4	11	15
11 to 15 KM from town	5	4	9
16 to 20 KM from town	3	0	3
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	45	93	138
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	176	522	698
0 to 5	30	113	143
6 to 10	31	81	112
11 to 15	15	10	25
16 to 20	6	11	17
Over 20	0	3	3
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	56	126	182
0 to 5	2	21	23
6 to 10	9	19	28
11 to 15	9	4	13
16 to 20	3	0	3
Over 20	0	1	1

## Clonmel - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
POWERSTOWN N S	Clonmel	2km	189	304	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
LISRONAGH N S	Lisronagh	5km	82	95	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
KILLURNEY N S	Ballypatrick	5km	31	49	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N CLEIREACHAIN	Clonmel	5km	114	185	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
S N RATH CHAOMHGHIN	Clonmel	5km	97	126	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N CILL SIOLAIN	Cill Siolain	5km	104	128	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL	Clonmel	CSO	259	279	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N MUIRE NA NAINGEAL	Clochair Na Carthanaghta	CSO	442	431	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
ST MARYS N S	Irishtown	CSO	164	180	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
ST PETER AND PAUL	Clonmel	CSO	330	286	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
ST MARYS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL	Clonmel	CSO	27	31	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cashel & Ossory (COI)
ST OLIVER PLUNKETTS NS	Heywood Road	CSO	601	454	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
GAELSCOIL CHLUAIN MEALA	Baile Gaelach	CSO	230	214	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrúnachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Cobh**

### **Cobh Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 312 responses to the survey in the Cobh area and of these 308 were online while 4 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 583 children. Forty seven surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 504 children of whom 157 are pre-school children while 347 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 406 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 95 are from within 5km of the town and 3 are between 5km and 10km from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Cobh over the last decade have increased from 1,379 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,691 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 789 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 888 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 221 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 222 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 2,481 while there are 1,019 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 859 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 1 more within a 5km range of the town. Four of the six schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,485 or 91% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 22 pupils enrolled representing 1% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 170 pupils representing approximately 10% of the total primary pupils in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 446 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 381 preferences for English and 65 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Cobh given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 194 of the 504 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 156 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 156 there were 55 pre-school children and 101 school going children. Of these 101 there are 54 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 125 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town and 31 are from within 5km of the town boundary.

There were 111 first preferences for Educate Together, 14 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 11 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 139 preferences for Educate Together, 80 for the VEC, 56 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 21 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. The VEC and ET are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 122. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 261 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 126 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 76 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 46 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 139 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 88 are school going and 51 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Cobh – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	157	347	504
I would prefer English -	114	267	381
I would prefer Irish -	20	45	65
I have no language preference -	15	34	49
I would prefer a wider choice -	65	129	194
I would avail of a wider choice -	55	101	156
I do not want a wider choice -	55	137	192
I would not avail of a wider choice -	71	190	261
I have no preference on a wider choice	28	80	108
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	23	55	78
My first preference is An Foras	5	9	14
My first preference is ET	42	69	111
My first preference is VEC	4	7	11
My first preference is RCCG	0	0	0
My second preference is An Foras	9	10	19
My second preference is ET	8	13	21
My second preference is VEC	20	28	48
My second preference is RCCG	2	2	4
My third preference is An Foras	8	12	20
My third preference is ET	1	2	3
My third preference is VEC	8	12	20
My third preference is RCCG	0	5	5
My fourth preference is An Foras	1	2	3
My fourth preference is ET	0	4	4
My fourth preference is VEC	0	1	1
My fourth preference is RCCG	4	8	12
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	64	168	232
Current patron first preference Coi	3	11	14
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	13	46	59
Current patron second preference CoI	7	24	31
I would like current schools reorganised -	33	93	126
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	23	33	56
Total Preferences ET	51	88	139
Total Preferences VEC	32	48	80
Total Preferences RCCG	6	15	21
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	77	214	291
Total Preferences COI Bishop	10	35	45
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	33	54	87
0 to 5 KM from town	9	15	24
6 to 10 KM from town	0	0	0

11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	42	69	111
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	128	278	406
0 to 5	29	66	95
6 to 10	0	3	3
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	46	79	125
0 to 5	9	22	31
6 to 10	0	0	0
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0



## Cobh - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
WALTERSTOWN N S	Cobh	5km	96	135	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
RUSHBROOK CON MERCY NS	Cobh	CSO	400	709	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
COBH NS	Bellvue	CSO	27	22	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross (COI)
SN SEOSAMH COBH	Cobh	CSO	303	284	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Cloyne
St Marys National School	Orilia Terrace	CSO	445	371	CATHOLIC	Junior Mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
GAELSCOILE COBH	Cobh	CSO	108	170	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Dublin 6 (Harold’s Cross / Rathmines)**

### **Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines) - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 577 responses to the survey in the Dublin 6 area and of these 574 were online while 3 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 1,097 children. One hundred and seven (107) surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 892 children of whom 341 are pre-school children while 551 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 235 are from within the parishes of Harolds Cross and Rathmines. Four hundred and thirty two (432) preferences are from the parishes adjoining these two while the remainder are from outside these parishes.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Dublin 6 over the last decade have increased from 2,079 pupils in 2001 to a total of 2,253 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 976 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,266 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 159 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 195 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,697 while there are 753 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 514 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 8 schools within the area under consideration and four of these are Catholic English speaking schools with an enrolment of 1,167 pupils representing 52% of the total in the area. There are also 3 Catholic schools which teach through the medium of Irish with an enrolment of 836 representing 37% of the pupils in the area while the other school in the area is a Multidenominational English language school with 240 pupils or 11% of the total.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 344 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 241 preferences for English and 103 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in this area given that 3 of the current schools teach through Irish and they have a combined intake of 4 streams each year.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 587 of the 892 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 488 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 488 there were 221 pre-school children and 267 school going children. Of these 267 there are 180 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 129 of those who would avail of a change live within the two parishes,

148 are in parishes immediately adjoining these 2 while the remainder are outside this area.

There were 299 first preferences for Educate Together, 162 for An Foras Pátrúnachta, 6 for the VEC and 8 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Educate Together and the VEC both propose an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 456 preferences for Educate Together, 147 for the VEC, 332 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 37 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 305. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 320 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the area 256 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 149 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 6 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 156 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 456 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 243 are school going and 213 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to a one and a half stream school (comprising of 12 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines) – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	341	551	892
I would prefer English -	100	141	241
I would prefer Irish -	33	70	103
I have no language preference -	24	32	56
I would prefer a wider choice -	251	336	587
I would avail of a wider choice -	221	267	488
I do not want a wider choice -	51	128	179
I would not avail of a wider choice -	96	224	320
I have no preference on a wider choice	39	85	124
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	24	58	82
My first preference is An Foras	56	106	162
My first preference is ET	155	144	299
My first preference is VEC	1	5	6
My first preference is RCCG	3	5	8
My second preference is An Foras	80	58	138
My second preference is ET	50	76	126
My second preference is VEC	28	30	58
My second preference is RCCG	2	9	11
My third preference is An Foras	14	11	25
My third preference is ET	4	14	18
My third preference is VEC	38	40	78
My third preference is RCCG	1	5	6
My fourth preference is An Foras	2	5	7
My fourth preference is ET	4	9	13
My fourth preference is VEC	0	5	5
My fourth preference is RCCG	7	5	12
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	0	158	158
Current patron first preference An Foras	0	26	26
Current patron first preference RMSA	0	25	25
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	0	36	36
Current patron second preference An Foras	0	50	50
Current patron second preference RMSA	0	16	16
Current patron third preference Catholic Archbishop	0	27	27
Current patron third preference An Foras	0	5	5
Current patron third preference RMSA	0	18	18
I would like current schools reorganised -	79	177	256
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	152	180	332
Total Preferences ET	213	243	456
Total Preferences VEC	67	80	147
Total Preferences RCCG	13	24	37
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	0	221	221
Total Preferences An Foras	0	81	81
Total Preferences RMSA	0	59	59

<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Parishes	41	43	84
Adjoining Parishes	80	68	148
Outside	34	33	67
	155	144	299
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Parishes	92	143	235
Adjoining Parishes	170	262	432
Outside	79	146	225
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Parishes	60	69	129
Adjoining Parishes	107	131	238
Outside	54	67	121

### Dublin 6 (Harolds Cross / Rathmines) – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
ST CLARE'S CONVENT NS	Harolds Cross Road	270	303	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
CLOCHAR LUGHAI DH CAILIN	Williams Park	418	363	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
CLOCHAR LUGHAI DH NAOIDH	Williams Park	275	268	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SN BRIGHDE	Cullinswood House	273	390	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
GAELSCOIL MOLOGA	Bothar Charleville	264	214	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
HAROLD'S CROSS NS	Harolds Cross Road	187	244	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
RANELAGH MULTI DENOM NS	Ranelagh Road	248	239	MULTI DENOMINA TIONAL	All mixed	Ranelagh Multidenominational School Association
GAELSCOIL LIOS NA NOG	21 Bothar Oakley	144	232	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrúnachta

## **Appendix – Dungarvan**

### **Dungarvan Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 301 responses to the survey in the Dungarvan area and of these 296 were online while 5 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 543 children. Sixty two surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 429 children of whom 122 are pre-school children while 307 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 215 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 143 are from within 5km of the town, 143 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 19 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 9 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Dungarvan over the last decade have increased from 1,624 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,792 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 914 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 878 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 150 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 138 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,454 while there are 592 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 544 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools in the town and 7 others within 5 km of the town boundary as defined by the CSO. Eight of the ten schools are English language, Catholic primary schools while the other two are Irish language Catholic schools. The total enrolment in the English language Catholic schools is 1,475 representing 82% of the total enrolments in the town. There are 317 pupils in the Irish language schools representing 18% of the total enrolments.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 370 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 269 preferences for English and 101 for Irish. It should be noted however that there are two gaelscoileanna in the area and it would seem that they will be able to cater for the numbers seeking all Irish primary education. If a new multi-denominational Irish-medium school were to be set up in the area it could have a detrimental affect on enrolments in these schools and therefore that would not seem to be the optimum solution at this time.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 199 of the 429 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 133 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 133 there were 51 pre-school

children and 82 school going children. Of these 82 there are 51 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 78 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 31 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 13 are from between 5 and 10km of the town while the rest are outside this distance.

There were 85 first preferences for Educate Together, 38 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 6 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 116 preferences for Educate Together, 79 for the VEC and 96 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 91. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 219 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 127 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 55 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 36 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 116 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 69 are school going and 47 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of one third of a single stream school (comprising of 3 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.



## Dungarvan – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	122	307	429
I would prefer English -	69	200	269
I would prefer Irish -	40	61	101
I have no language preference -	12	43	55
I would prefer a wider choice -	66	133	199
I would avail of a wider choice -	51	82	133
I do not want a wider choice -	32	108	140
I would not avail of a wider choice -	54	165	219
I have no preference on a wider choice	23	63	86
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	16	57	73
My first preference is An Foras	13	25	38
My first preference is ET	34	51	85
My first preference is VEC	2	4	6
My second preference is An Foras	20	24	44
My second preference is ET	12	15	27
My second preference is VEC	11	18	29
My third preference is An Foras	7	7	14
My third preference is ET	1	3	4
My third preference is VEC	22	22	44
I would like current schools reorganised -	30	97	127
Total Preferences ET	47	69	116
Total Preferences VEC	35	44	79
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	40	56	96
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	19	29	48
0 to 5 KM from town	10	10	20
6 to 10 KM from town	3	9	12
11 to 15 KM from town	1	2	3
16 to 20 KM from town	1	1	2
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	34	51	85
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	58	157	215
0 to 5	46	97	143
6 to 10	10	33	43
11 to 15	4	15	19
16 to 20	4	4	8
Over 20	0	1	1
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	27	51	78

0 to 5	15	16	31
6 to 10	4	9	13
11 to 15	1	5	6
16 to 20	4	1	5
Over 20	0	0	0

## Dungarvan – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SCOIL GEARBHAIN	Dun an Mainistreach	2km	179	210	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
GLENBEGNS	Dungarvan	5km	106	132	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
SCOIL NAOMH GOBNAIT	Cul na Smear	5km	56	97	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
SN NA LEANAI	An Rinn	5km	98	62	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N AN CARRAIG LIATH	Dungarvan	5km	61	81	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N AN GARRAIN BHAIN	Dungarvan	5km	149	198	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N NA RINNE	An Rinn	5km	100	107	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
SCOIL NAOMH SEOSAMH	Dungarvan	CSO	175	138	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
S N DUN NA MAINISTREACH	Muire na Mainistreach	CSO	381	470	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
ST MARYS NS	Dungarvan	CSO	319	297	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Edenderry**

### **Edenderry – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 424 responses to the survey in the Edenderry area and of these 412 were online while 12 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 798 children. Seventy one surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 667 children of whom 168 are pre-school children while 499 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 446 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 140 are from within 5km of the town, 65 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 7 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 9 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in the Edenderry area over the last decade have increased from 926 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,598 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 761 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 820 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 135 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would be 153 five year olds by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,480 while there are 633 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 493 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a stable school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Six of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,413 or 89% of the total enrolment. There is also a Church of Ireland school with an enrolment of 82 pupils or 5% of the total while the other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with 86 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 634 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 589 preferences for English and 45 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Edenderry given that there is currently a gaelscoil in the town which could be expanded if necessary.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 152 of the 667 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 106 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 106 there were 24 pre-school children and 82 school going children. Of these 82 there are 44 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 66 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 21 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 14 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 63 first preferences for Educate Together, 34 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 0 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 92 preferences for Educate Together, 23 for the VEC and 74 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 63. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 493 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 222 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 47 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 16 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 92 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 72 are school going and 20 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of approximately one quarter of a single stream school (comprising less than 3 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Edenderry – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	168	499	667
I would prefer English -	149	440	589
I would prefer Irish -	8	37	45
I have no language preference -	10	22	32
I would prefer a wider choice -	37	115	152
I would avail of a wider choice -	24	82	106
I do not want a wider choice -	99	291	390
I would not avail of a wider choice -	121	372	493
I have no preference on a wider choice	31	93	124
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	22	45	67
My first preference is An Foras	5	29	34
My first preference is ET	16	47	63
My first preference is VEC	0	0	0
My second preference is An Foras	6	17	23
My second preference is ET	7	28	24
My second preference is VEC	3	20	23
My third preference is An Foras	1	16	17
My third preference is ET	5	11	5
My third preference is VEC	0	0	0
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	98	320	418
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	9	23	32
Current patron first preference An Foras	2	16	18
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	33	90	123
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	7	16	23
Current patron second preference An Foras	12	17	29
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	28	75	103
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	7	8	15
Current patron third preference An Foras	3	13	16
I would like current schools reorganised -	60	162	222
Total Preferences ET	20	72	92
Total Preferences VEC	3	20	23
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	12	62	74
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	131	410	541
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	16	39	55
Total Preferences An Foras	14	33	47
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	3	36	39
0 to 5 KM from town	5	7	12
6 to 10 KM from town	6	2	8

11 to 15 KM from town	2	2	4
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	<u>16</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>63</u>

<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	116	330	446
0 to 5	25	115	140
6 to 10	18	47	65
11 to 15	4	3	7
16 to 20	5	3	8
Over 20	0	1	1

<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	10	56	66
0 to 5	6	15	21
6 to 10	6	8	14
11 to 15	2	2	4
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	1	1

## Edenderry – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
EDENDERRY 2 NS	Edenderry	CSO	59	82	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Meath & Kildare (COI)
EDENDERRY CONVENT N S	Edenderry	CSO	424	481	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
S N MUIRE BAINRION	Edenderry	CSO	194	252	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
Scoil Bhríde Primary School	Edenderry	CSO	0	267	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
Gaelscoil Eadain Doire	Edenderry	CSO	0	86	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta
S N BRIGHDE	Edenderry	5km	59	87	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
S N CLOCH RINNCE	Edenderry	5km	106	222	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
S N PHADRAIG	Edenderry	5km	84	121	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.



## **Appendix – Enniscorthy**

### **Enniscorthy - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 287 responses to the survey in the Enniscorthy area and of these 269 were online while 18 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 536 children. Forty four surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 452 children of whom 129 are pre-school children while 323 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 135 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 180 are from within 5km of the town, 77 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 43 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 17 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Enniscorthy over the last decade have increased from 1,653 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,907 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 908 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 929 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 171 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 160 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,378 while there are 565 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 487 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Five of the seven schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,565 or 85% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 83 pupils enrolled representing 5% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 189 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 391 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 361 preferences for English and 30 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Enniscorthy given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 161 of the 452 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 112 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 112 there were 34 pre-school children and 78 school going children. Of these 78 there are 38 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 38 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 21 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 24 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 70 first preferences for Educate Together, 29 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 12 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 104 preferences for Educate Together, 67 for the VEC and 85 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 82. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 268 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 196 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 55 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 27 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 104 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 73 are school going and 31 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of about one third of a single stream school (comprising of 3 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Enniscorthy - Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	129	323	452
I would prefer English -	100	261	361
I would prefer Irish -	11	19	30
I have no language preference -	14	41	55
I would prefer a wider choice -	43	118	161
I would avail of a wider choice -	34	78	112
I do not want a wider choice -	49	130	179
I would not avail of a wider choice -	71	197	268
I have no preference on a wider choice	34	73	107
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	21	48	69
My first preference is An Foras	7	22	29
My first preference is ET	19	51	70
My first preference is VEC	8	4	12
My second preference is An Foras	13	25	38
My second preference is ET	10	20	30
My second preference is VEC	3	16	19
My third preference is An Foras	6	12	18
My third preference is ET	2	2	4
My third preference is VEC	12	24	36
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	58	162	220
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	5	23	28
Current patron first preference An Foras	2	6	8
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	6	29	35
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	6	15	21
Current patron second preference An Foras	11	16	27
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	5	20	25
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	0	0	0
Current patron third preference An Foras	4	11	15
I would like current schools reorganised -	52	144	196
Total Preferences ET	31	73	104
Total Preferences VEC	23	44	67
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	26	59	85
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	64	191	255
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	11	38	49
Total Preferences An Foras	13	22	35
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	5	17	22
0 to 5 KM from town	4	7	11
6 to 10 KM from town	7	9	16
11 to 15 KM from town	3	15	18
16 to 20 KM from town	0	3	3
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0

	19	51	70
Location of All Valid Preferences	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	34	101	135
0 to 5	52	128	180
6 to 10	22	55	77
11 to 15	16	27	43
16 to 20	4	8	12
Over 20	1	4	5
Location of Those who would avail of Change	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	11	27	38
0 to 5	8	13	21
6 to 10	11	13	24
11 to 15	2	18	20
16 to 20	2	5	7
Over 20	0	2	2

## Enniscorthy – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
S N MHUIRE	Davidstown	5km	109	74	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
MARSHALSTOWN N S	Marshalstown	5km	89	138	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
GLANBRIAN N S	Glanbrian	5km	64	58	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
ST MARYS N S	Parnell Ave	CSO	59	83	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cashel & Ossory (COI)
ST SENANS NATIONAL SCH	Templeshannon	CSO	453	518	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
ST AIDANS PARISH SCHOOL	Enniscorthy	CSO	775	847	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
GAELSCOIL INIS CORTHAIDH	Enniscorthy	CSO	104	189	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Fermoy**

### **Fermoy - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 179 responses to the survey in the Fermoy area and of these 164 were online while 15 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 357 children. Thirty one surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 298 children of whom 105 are pre-school children while 193 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 107 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 119 are from within 5km of the town, 62 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 10 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 0 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Fermoy over the last decade have increased from 774 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,300 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 593 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 690 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 91 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 112 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 798 while there are 323 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 279 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Six of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 894 or 70% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 352 pupils enrolled representing 27% of total enrolments in the town and a Church of Ireland school with 37 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 267 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 176 preferences for English and 91 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Tuam given that there is currently a two stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 140 of the 298 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 92 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 92 there were 44 pre-school children and 48 school going children. Of these 48 there are 29 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 22 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 43 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 22 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 63 first preferences for Educate Together, 20 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 8 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 85 preferences for Educate Together, 49 for the VEC and 54 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 71. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 154 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 112 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 39 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 32 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 85 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 43 are school going and 42 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of about one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Fermoy – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	105	193	298
I would prefer English -	64	112	176
I would prefer Irish -	25	66	91
I have no language preference -	13	14	27
I would prefer a wider choice -	51	89	140
I would avail of a wider choice -	44	48	92
I do not want a wider choice -	30	62	92
I would not avail of a wider choice -	44	110	154
I have no preference on a wider choice	20	39	59
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	14	35	49
My first preference is An Foras	12	8	20
My first preference is ET	29	34	63
My first preference is VEC	3	5	8
My second preference is An Foras	13	3	16
My second preference is ET	5	6	11
My second preference is VEC	0	22	22
My third preference is An Foras	7	11	18
My third preference is ET	8	3	11
My third preference is VEC	14	5	19
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	40	97	137
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	2	6	8
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	8	17	25
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	0	0	0
I would like current schools reorganised -	29	83	112
Total Preferences ET	42	43	85
Total Preferences VEC	17	32	49
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	32	22	54
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	48	114	162
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	2	6	8
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	3	2	5
0 to 5 KM from town	8	6	14
6 to 10 KM from town	1	0	1
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	12	8	20
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	33	74	107
0 to 5	44	75	119



6 to 10	25	37	62
11 to 15	3	7	10
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
Location of Those who would avail of Change	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	9	13	22
0 to 5	21	22	43
6 to 10	11	11	22
11 to 15	3	2	5
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Fermoy – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
GRANGE FERMOY N S	Fermoy	2km	93	146	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
Scoil Mháirtin	Kilworth	5km	0	249	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
MUIRE GAN SMAL	Cluain Dileain	5km	17	69	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
FERMOY ADAIR N S	Fermoy	CSO	37	37	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross (COI)
BISHOP MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOOL	Fermoy	CSO	102	117	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Cloyne
SCOIL FREASTOGAIL MUIRE	Fermoy	CSO	211	260	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
IOSEF NAOFA	Fermoy	CSO	42	70	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
GAELSCOIL DE HIDE	Mainistir Fhearmaí	CSO	272	352	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Kells**

### **Kells - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 178 responses to the survey in the Kells area and of these 166 were online while 12 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 321 children. Twenty five surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 284 children of whom 113 are pre-school children while 171 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 141 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 81 are from within 5km of the town, 43 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 12 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 7 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Kells over the last decade have fallen from 1,111 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,370 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 688 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 682 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 109 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 127 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 900 while there are 367 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 310 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 5 more within a 5km range of the town. Seven of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,305 or 95% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 65 pupils enrolled representing fewer than 5% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 247 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 213 preferences for English and 34 for Irish. There is no gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 148 of the 284 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 121 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 121 there were 55 pre-school children and 66 school going children. Of these 66 there are 42 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 64 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 28 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 17 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 90 first preferences for Educate Together, 16 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 14 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 107 preferences for Educate Together, 51 for the VEC and 62 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 104. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 115 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 69 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 59 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 45 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 107 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 58 are school going and 49 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Kells – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	113	171	284
I would prefer English -	77	136	213
I would prefer Irish -	16	18	34
I have no language preference -	15	17	32
I would prefer a wider choice -	65	83	148
I would avail of a wider choice -	55	66	121
I do not want a wider choice -	23	54	77
I would not avail of a wider choice -	39	76	115
I have no preference on a wider choice	21	34	55
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	15	29	44
My first preference is An Foras	7	9	16
My first preference is ET	42	48	90
My first preference is VEC	3	11	14
My second preference is An Foras	12	8	20
My second preference is ET	5	7	12
My second preference is VEC	0	17	17
My third preference is An Foras	12	14	26
My third preference is ET	2	3	5
My third preference is VEC	9	11	20
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	35	64	99
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	4	10	14
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	8	20	28
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	7	6	13
I would like current schools reorganised -	26	43	69
Total Preferences ET	49	58	107
Total Preferences VEC	12	39	51
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	31	31	62
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	43	84	127
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	11	16	27
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	23	28	51
0 to 5 KM from town	7	13	20
6 to 10 KM from town	3	7	10
11 to 15 KM from town	5	0	5
16 to 20 KM from town	2	0	2
Over 20KM from town	2	0	2
	42	48	90
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	54	87	141
0 to 5	27	54	81

6 to 10	18	25	43
11 to 15	9	3	12
16 to 20	2	0	2
Over 20	3	2	5
Location of Those who would avail of Change	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	29	35	64
0 to 5	10	18	28
6 to 10	6	11	17
11 to 15	5	0	5
16 to 20	2	0	2
Over 20	3	2	5

## Kells – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
DRUMBARRAGH N S	Drumbarragh	5km	50	89	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Meath
CARNAROSS N S	Carna Ross	5km	103	151	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Meath
S N BHRIGHDE	Baile corr	5km	68	83	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Meath
S N MUIRE	Carlanstown	5km	84	136	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Meath
S N CAITRIONA NAOFA	Baile Oirthir	5km	110	130	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Meath
KELLS PAROCHIAL N S	Kells	CSO	40	65	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Meath & Kildare
OUR LADY OF MERCY NS	Kells	CSO	414	446	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Meath
SCOIL CHOLMCILLE	Navan Road	CSO	242	270	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Meath

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Killarney**

### **Killarney - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 446 responses to the survey in the Killarney area and of these 435 were online while 11 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 825 children. Sixty nine surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 694 children of whom 181 are pre-school children while 513 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 319 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 278 are from within 5km of the town, 69 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 12 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 16 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Killarney over the last decade have increased from 1,937 pupils in 2001 to a total of 2,483 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,164 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,271 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 213 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 198 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,972 while there are 849 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 652 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 7 more within a 5km range of the town. Eleven of the twelve schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 2,244 or 92% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 191 pupils enrolled representing 8% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 639 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 519 preferences for English and 120 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Killarney given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 221 of the 694 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 135 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 135 there were 50 pre-school children and 85 school going children. Of these 85 there are 56 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 54 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the



town, 58 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 13 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 83 first preferences for Educate Together, 15 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 27 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 126 preferences for Educate Together, 93 for the VEC and 58 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 110. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 473 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 305 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 72 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 38 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 126 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 81 are school going and 45 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of at least one half of a stream (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Killarney – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	181	513	694
I would prefer English -	132	387	519
I would prefer Irish -	27	93	120
I have no language preference -	19	33	52
I would prefer a wider choice -	75	146	221
I would avail of a wider choice -	50	85	135
I do not want a wider choice -	79	272	351
I would not avail of a wider choice -	105	368	473
I have no preference on a wider choice	24	93	117
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	23	58	81
My first preference is An Foras	8	7	15
My first preference is ET	30	53	83
My first preference is VEC	8	19	27
My second preference is An Foras	6	19	25
My second preference is ET	13	20	33
My second preference is VEC	17	19	36
My third preference is An Foras	8	10	18
My third preference is ET	2	8	10
My third preference is VEC	11	19	30
I would like current schools reorganised -	71	234	305
Total Preferences ET	45	81	126
Total Preferences VEC	36	57	93
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	22	36	58
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	9	19	28
0 to 5 KM from town	10	26	36
6 to 10 KM from town	9	4	13
11 to 15 KM from town	0	1	1
16 to 20 KM from town	1	1	2
Over 20KM from town	1	2	3
	30	53	83
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	81	238	319
0 to 5	62	216	278
6 to 10	27	42	69
11 to 15	3	9	12
16 to 20	4	2	6
Over 20	4	6	10
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	18	36	54

0 to 5	18	40	58
6 to 10	9	4	13
11 to 15	1	1	2
16 to 20	1	1	2
Over 20	3	3	6

## Killarney – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
LISSIVIGEEN MXD N S	Killarney	2km	193	233	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
ST GERTRUDES	Scartlea	2km	118	132	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
TIERNABOUL N S	Killarney	2km	68	39	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
LOUGHGUITANE N S	Killarney	5km	45	85	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
S N CILL CUIMIN	Killarney	5km	118	128	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
CAHORREIGH N S	Killarney	5km	77	33	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
S N AN CHUILLEANAIG	Killarney	5km	131	178	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
S N AN FHOSSA	Killarney	CSO	149	212	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
MUIRE NA MAINISTREACH	MUIRE NA MAINISTREACH	CSO	107	139	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Kerry
MERCY CONVENT	New Road	CSO	304	379	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Kerry
ST OLIVERS NS	Ballycasheen	CSO	410	734	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry
GAELSCOIL FAITHLEANN	Killarney	CSO	217	191	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Kerry

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Leixlip**

### **Leixlip - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 228 responses to the survey in the Leixlip area and of these 217 were online while 11 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 501 children. Thirty five surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 428 children of whom 136 are pre-school children while 292 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 404 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 23 are from within 5km of the town and 1 is between 5km and 10km from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Leixlip over the last decade have gone from 1,940 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,925 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 946 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 967 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 239 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 217 there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 2,873 while there are 1,164 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 1,034 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 6 schools within the town and all but one of them are Catholic English language schools. These five have a combined enrolment of 1, 508 while the other school is a Catholic gaelscoil with an enrolment of 405 or 26% of the total.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 393 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 284 preferences for English and 109 for Irish. The current gaelscoil has an intake of at least two streams so that it can accommodate over 56 pupils each year. There were 73 school going preferences for all Irish education and 36 pre-school preferences so that it would seem that the current gaelscoil can cater for the needs of Leixlip at the moment.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 196 of the 428 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 130 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 130 there were 52 pre-school children and 78 school going children. Of these 78 there are 40 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 122 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 7 are from within 5km of the town boundary and 1 is from between 5km and 10km from the town boundary.

There were 89 first preferences for Educate Together, 21 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 24 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 122 preferences for Educate Together, 87 for the VEC and 58 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 113. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 255 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 183 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 70 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 43 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 122 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 71 are school going and 51 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Leixlip – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	136	292	428
I would prefer English -	88	196	284
I would prefer Irish -	36	73	109
I have no language preference -	9	18	27
I would prefer a wider choice -	71	125	196
I would avail of a wider choice -	52	78	130
I do not want a wider choice -	47	130	177
I would not avail of a wider choice -	68	187	255
I have no preference on a wider choice	15	34	49
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	13	24	37
My first preference is An Foras	9	12	21
My first preference is ET	35	54	89
My first preference is VEC	8	16	24
My second preference is An Foras	7	11	18
My second preference is ET	9	10	19
My second preference is VEC	22	23	45
My third preference is An Foras	8	11	19
My third preference is ET	7	7	14
My third preference is VEC	7	11	18
I would like current schools reorganised -	51	132	183
Total Preferences ET	51	71	122
Total Preferences VEC	37	50	87
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	24	34	58
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	33	49	82
0 to 5 KM from town	1	5	6
6 to 10 KM from town	1	0	1
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	35	54	89
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	128	276	404
0 to 5	7	16	23
6 to 10	1	0	1
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
Location of Those who would avail of Change	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	50	72	122

0 to 5	1	6	7
6 to 10	1	0	1
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0



## Leixlip – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SCOIL BHRIDE	Leixlip	CSO	248	324	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
LEIXLIP GIRLS NS (Scoil Mhuire)	Leixlip	CSO	250	325	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SAN CARLO JUNIOR NS	Leixlip	CSO	332	263	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL C.UI DHALAIGH Gaelscoil	Leim an Bhradain	CSO	431	405	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL EOIN PHOIL	Leixlip	CSO	240	354	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SAN CARLO SENIOR N S	Confey	CSO	439	254	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Longford**

### **Longford – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 280 responses to the survey in the Longford area and of these 273 were online while 7 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 535 children. Forty one surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 463 children of whom 144 are pre-school children while 319 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 196 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 177 are from within 5km of the town, 69 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 19 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 2 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Longford over the last decade have increased from 1,323 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,828 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 928 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 893 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 194 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 191 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,827 while there are 771 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 645 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Six of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,554 or 86% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 61 pupils enrolled representing 3% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 206 pupils or 11% of the total in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 417 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 372 preferences for English and 45 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Longford given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 147 of the 463 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 97 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 97 there were 35 pre-school children and 62 school going children. Of these 62 there are 31 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 52 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 21 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 17 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 47 first preferences for Educate Together, 29 for An Foras Pátrúnachta, 0 for the Longford VEC, 15 for the National Learning Network and 3 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Educate Together; the VEC and the NLN are all proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 78 preferences for Educate Together, 32 for the VEC, 71 for An Foras Pátrúnachta, 51 for the National Learning Network and 6 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Educate Together, the NLN and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 62. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 308 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 196 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 37 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 1.5 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 25 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 78 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 44 are school going and 34 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 2 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Longford – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	144	319	463
I would prefer English -	120	252	372
I would prefer Irish -	11	34	45
I have no language preference -	13	31	44
I would prefer a wider choice -	48	99	147
I would avail of a wider choice -	35	62	97
I do not want a wider choice -	67	165	232
I would not avail of a wider choice -	93	215	308
I have no preference on a wider choice	29	53	82
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	16	40	56
My first preference is An Foras	7	22	29
My first preference is ET	18	29	47
My first preference is Longford VEC	0	0	0
My first preference is RCCG	0	3	3
My first preference is NLN	7	8	15
My second preference is An Foras	11	19	30
My second preference is ET	10	14	24
My second preference is Longford VEC	2	5	7
My second preference is RCCG	0	0	0
My second preference is NLN	4	5	9
My third preference is An Foras	3	3	6
My third preference is ET	1	1	2
My third preference is Longford VEC	3	13	16
My third preference is RCCG	0	0	0
My third preference is NLN	8	8	16
My fourth preference is An Foras	2	1	3
My fourth preference is ET	3	0	3
My fourth preference is Longford VEC	5	4	9
My fourth preference is RCCG	0	3	3
My fourth preference is NLN	3	8	11
My fifth preference is An Foras	0	3	3
My fifth preference is ET	2	0	2
My fifth preference is Longford VEC	0	0	0
My fifth preference is RCCG	0	0	0
My fifth preference is NLN	0	0	0
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	80	188	268
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	4	15	19
Current patron first preference An Foras	4	5	9
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	15	37	52
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	2	22	24
Current patron second preference An Foras	12	20	32
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	12	25	37
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	1	10	11
Current patron third preference An Foras	0	2	2
I would like current schools reorganised -	62	134	196

Total Preferences ET	34	44	78
Total Preferences Longford VEC	10	22	32
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	23	48	71
Total Preferences RCCG	0	6	6
Total Preferences NLN	22	29	51
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	107	250	357
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	7	47	54
Total Preferences An Foras	16	27	43
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	11	13	24
0 to 5 KM from town	1	4	5
6 to 10 KM from town	4	10	14
11 to 15 KM from town	2	2	4
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	18	29	47
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	61	135	196
0 to 5	57	120	177
6 to 10	21	48	69
11 to 15	5	14	19
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	2	2
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	19	33	52
0 to 5	8	13	21
6 to 10	5	12	17
11 to 15	3	4	7
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Longford – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
S N CNOC AN MHARCAIGH	Cnoc An Mharcaigh	2km	220	229	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
STONEPARK N S	Stonepark	5km	162	243	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
SCOIL MHUIRE N S	Newtownforbes	5km	247	322	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
SCOIL NAOMH MICHEAL	Longford	CSO	76	173	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
LONGFORD MIXED N S	Battery Road	CSO	33	61	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Kilmore Elphin & Ardagh (COI)
ST JOSEPHS CONVENT	Longford	CSO	253	373	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
ST EMERS	Templemichael	CSO	248	221	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois
GAELSCOIL AN LONGFOIRT	Fearann Uí Dhuagain	CSO	84	206	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrúnachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Loughrea**

### **Loughrea Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 278 responses to the survey in the Loughrea area and of these 263 were online while 14 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 526 children. Sixty five surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 387 children of whom 124 are pre-school children while 263 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 152 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 122 are from within 5km of the town, 62 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 24 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 27 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Loughrea over the last decade have increased from 832 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,060 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 529 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 529 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 87 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 109 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 912 while there are 418 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 299 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Five of six schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 908 or 86% of the total enrolment. There is one multi-denominational gaelscoil with approximately 150 pupils enrolled representing 14% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 337 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 244 preferences for English and 93 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Loughrea given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 138 of the 387 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 107 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 107 there were 52 pre-school children and 55 school going children. Of these 55 there are 34 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 37 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 21 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 24 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 75 first preferences for Educate Together and 13 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 93 preferences for Educate Together and 57 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 88. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 218 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 157 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 44 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 44 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 93 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 49 are school going and 44 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.



## Loughrea – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	124	263	387
I would prefer English -	75	169	244
I would prefer Irish -	26	67	93
I have no language preference -	17	27	44
I would prefer a wider choice -	58	80	138
I would avail of a wider choice -	52	55	107
I do not want a wider choice -	39	115	154
I would not avail of a wider choice -	51	167	218
I have no preference on a wider choice	21	68	89
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	15	41	56
My first preference is VEC	6	7	13
My first preference is ET	38	37	75
My second preference is VEC	23	21	44
My second preference is ET	6	12	18
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	38	120	158
Current patron first preference An Foras	6	35	41
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	9	42	51
Current patron second preference An Foras	9	24	33
I would like current schools reorganised -	41	116	157
Total Preferences ET	44	49	93
Total Preferences VEC	29	28	57
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	47	162	209
Total Preferences An Foras	15	59	74
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	17	5	22
0 to 5 KM from town	2	10	12
6 to 10 KM from town	9	12	21
11 to 15 KM from town	6	6	12
16 to 20 KM from town	4	3	7
Over 20KM from town	0	1	1
	38	37	75
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	55	97	152
0 to 5	30	92	122
6 to 10	19	43	62
11 to 15	9	15	24
16 to 20	8	12	20
Over 20	3	4	7
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total

In Town	24	13	37
0 to 5	5	16	21
6 to 10	10	14	24
11 to 15	6	8	14
16 to 20	5	3	8
Over 20	2	1	3

## Loughrea – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance *	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
S N CILLINI DIOMA	Loughrea	5km	142	118	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
S N SEOSAMH NAOFA	An Ceathru Bhan	5km	95	168	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
SCOIL NAOMH EANNA	Bullan	5km	45	161	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
ST BRENDANS N S	Loughrea	CSO	187	168	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Clonfert
S N IDE NAOFA	Loughrea	CSO	328	295	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Clonfert
GAELSCOIL RIABHACH	Baile Locha Riach	CSO	35	150	MULTI DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - Malahide**

### **Malahide Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 757 responses to the survey in the Malahide area and of these 753 were online while 4 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 1,505 children. One hundred and eleven surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 1,287 children of whom 365 are pre-school children while 922 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 993 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 280 are from within 5km of the town, 7 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 3 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 4 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Malahide over the last decade have increased from 2,000 pupils in 2001 to a total of 2,099 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,001 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,080 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 245 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 215 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 2,536 while there are 1,013 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 946 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools in the town three of which are English language, Catholic mixed primary schools while the other is an English language, Church of Ireland mixed school. The total enrolment in the Catholic schools is 1,861 representing almost 90% of the total enrolments in the town. There are 220 pupils in the Church of Ireland school representing approximately 10% of the total enrolments.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 1,198 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was an overwhelming preference in the area for English language education with 1,120 preferences for English and 78 for Irish. It should be noted however that there is no gaelscoil in the town so that a regional analysis might be required to ascertain how best this demand for all Irish education can be met.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 415 of the 1,287 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 268 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 268 there were 106 pre-school children and 162 school-going children. Of these 162 there are 87 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth

class. In total 216 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town and 52 are from within 5km of the town boundary.

There were 193 first preferences for Educate Together, 31 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 27 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 247 preferences for Educate Together, 97 for the VEC and 96 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 220. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 852 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 647 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 128 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill over 4 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 92 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 247 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 146 are school going and 101 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to a single stream school (comprising of 8 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered. Given the proximity of Malahide and Portmarnock these two areas could be examined together to provide a divesting solution that would cater for demand in both of them.

## Malahide - Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	365	922	1287
I would prefer English -	301	819	1120
I would prefer Irish -	25	53	78
I have no language preference -	26	50	76
I would prefer a wider choice -	157	258	415
I would avail of a wider choice -	106	162	268
I do not want a wider choice -	132	489	621
I would not avail of a wider choice -	206	646	852
I have no preference on a wider choice	63	175	238
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	40	114	154
My first preference is An Foras	13	18	31
My first preference is ET	81	112	193
My first preference is VEC	11	16	27
My second preference is An Foras	13	12	25
My second preference is ET	20	31	51
My second preference is VEC	0	39	39
My third preference is An Foras	16	24	40
My third preference is ET	0	3	3
My third preference is VEC	15	16	31
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	189	619	808
Current patron first preference CoI Archbishop	9	11	20
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	41	178	219
Current patron second preference CoI Archbishop	28	59	87
I would like current schools reorganised -	171	476	647
Total Preferences ET	101	146	247
Total Preferences VEC	26	71	97
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	42	54	96
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	230	797	1027
Total Preferences CoI Archbishop	37	70	107
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	71	88	159
0 to 5 KM from town	10	24	34
6 to 10 KM from town	0	0	0
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	81	112	193
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	283	710	993
0 to 5	78	202	280
6 to 10	1	6	7

11 to 15	2	1	3
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	1	3	4
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	87	129	216
0 to 5	19	33	52
6 to 10	0	0	0
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	106	162	268

## Malahide - Schools

<b>School</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Line Address</b>	<b>Distance*</b>	<b>2001 Enrol</b>	<b>2011 Enrol</b>	<b>Ethos</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Patron</b>
ST ANDREWS NS	Malahide	CSO	188	220	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough
ST OLIVER PLUNKETT	Grove Road	CSO	850	916	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SN N SAILBHEASTAR NF A	Malahide	CSO	369	372	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
JOHN PAUL II NS	Sonesta	CSO	593	591	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.



## **Appendix - Monaghan**

### **Monaghan – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 232 responses to the survey in the Monaghan area and of these 225 were online while 7 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 430 children. Forty four surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 350 children of whom 79 are pre-school children while 271 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 131 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 140 are from within 5km of the town, 60 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 11 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 8 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Monaghan over the last decade have increased from 1,373 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,643 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 791 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 832 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 107 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would increase to 135 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 923 while there are 350 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 329 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 7 more within a 5km range of the town. Eight of the twelve schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,176 or 72% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 244 pupils enrolled representing 15% of total enrolments in the town. There are three Church of Ireland schools in the area with a collective enrolment of 203 or 13% of total enrolments in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 319 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a relatively even distribution between Irish and English. There were 257 preferences for English and 62 for Irish. Given this level of interest in Irish, there were 13 pre-school preferences; it would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Monaghan given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 87 of the 350 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 66 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 66 there were 18 pre-school children and 48 school-going children. Of these 48 there are 23 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth

class. In total 30 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 23 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 9 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 42 first preferences for Educate Together (ET), 9 for An Foras Pátrúnachta, 13 for the VEC and 3 for the National Learning Network (NLN). The VEC, ET and the NLN are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 55 preferences for Educate Together, 33 for the VEC, 19 for the NLN and 25 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together, the NLN and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 58. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 208 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 103 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 42 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 16 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 55 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 39 are school going and 16 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter of a stream (comprising of 1 classroom) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Monaghan – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	79	271	350
I would prefer English -	51	206	257
I would prefer Irish -	13	49	62
I have no language preference -	3	15	18
I would prefer a wider choice -	27	60	87
I would avail of a wider choice -	18	48	66
I do not want a wider choice -	28	134	162
I would not avail of a wider choice -	43	165	208
I have no preference on a wider choice	12	75	87
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	7	56	63
My first preference is An Foras	2	7	9
My first preference is ET	13	29	42
My first preference is VEC	3	10	13
My first preference is National Learning Network	0	3	3
My second preference is An Foras	4	4	8
My second preference is ET	2	6	8
My second preference is VEC	4	9	13
My second preference is National Learning Network	2	5	7
My third preference is An Foras	1	2	3
My third preference is ET	1	4	5
My third preference is VEC	1	4	5
My third preference is National Learning Network	0	5	5
My fourth preference is An Foras	1	4	5
My fourth preference is ET	0	0	0
My fourth preference is VEC	0	2	2
My fourth preference is National Learning Network	2	2	4
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	30	123	153
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	3	21	24
Current patron first preference Minister	6	19	25
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	10	40	50
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	1	11	12
Current patron second preference Minister	12	28	40
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	8	34	42
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	2	8	10
Current patron third preference Minister	2	3	5
I would like current schools reorganised -	26	77	103
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	8	17	25
Total Preferences ET	16	39	55
Total Preferences VEC	8	25	33
Total Preferences National Learning Network	4	15	19
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	48	197	245
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	6	40	46
Total Preferences Minister	20	50	70

<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	4	14	18
0 to 5 KM from town	6	12	18
6 to 10 KM from town	3	3	6
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	13	29	42
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	26	105	131
0 to 5	25	115	140
6 to 10	20	40	60
11 to 15	5	6	11
16 to 20	2	3	5
Over 20	1	2	3
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	6	24	30
0 to 5	6	17	23
6 to 10	4	5	9
11 to 15	1	0	1
16 to 20	1	2	3
Over 20	0	0	0

## Monaghan - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
DRUMACRUTTIN N S (COI)	Drumcruttin	5km	24	30	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher COI
CORCAGHAN N N S	Corcaghan	5km	77	63	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher
SCOIL MHICHIL	Rockwallace	5km	28	32	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher
SCOIL BHRIGHDE	Silverstream	5km	30	62	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher
SCOIL PHADRAIG	Garrann	5km	28	40	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher
THREEMILE HOUSE N S	Threemilehouse	5km	128	124	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher
THE BILLIS NATIONAL SCHOOL (COI)	Glaslough	5km	0	49	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher COI
ST. LOUIS GIRLS NATIONAL SCHOOL	Park Road	CSO	230	269	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Clogher
MONAGHAN MODEL SCHOOL	Monaghan	CSO	120	124	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Minister for Education & Skills
ST MARYS BNS	St Mary's Hill	CSO	256	290	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Clogher
ST LOUIS INFANT SCHOOL	Park Road	CSO	279	316	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher
GAELSCOIL ULTAIN	An Cnoc	CSO	173	244	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Clogher

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - Nenagh**

### **Nenagh - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 207 responses to the survey in the Nenagh area and of these 198 were online while 9 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 389 children. Forty surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 313 children of whom 98 are pre-school children while 215 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 120 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 100 are from within 5km of the town, 59 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 23 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 11 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Nenagh over the last decade have increased from 1,402 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,720 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 870 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 834 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 146 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 162 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,440 while there are 610 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 490 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 6 more within a 5km range of the town. Nine of the eleven schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,415 or 83% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with 76 pupils enrolled representing 4% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 213 pupils representing 13% of the total. Given that there were 27 pre-school preferences for Irish language education it would seem there is adequate accommodation for this type of education in the town as the current gaelscoil has a junior infant intake of in excess of 40 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 273 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 204 preferences for English and 69 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Nenagh given that there is currently a gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 138 of the 313 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 107 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 107 there were 44 pre-school children and 63 school-going children. Of these 63 there are 35 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth

class. In total 49 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 26 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 12 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 63 first preferences for Educate Together, 26 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 7 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 105 preferences for Educate Together, 46 for the VEC and 48 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 70. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 148 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 90 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 39 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 31 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 105 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 62 are school going and 43 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Nenagh – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	98	215	313
I would prefer English -	53	151	204
I would prefer Irish -	27	42	69
I have no language preference -	17	21	38
I would prefer a wider choice -	50	88	138
I would avail of a wider choice -	44	63	107
I do not want a wider choice -	22	81	103
I would not avail of a wider choice -	35	113	148
I have no preference on a wider choice	25	42	67
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	18	38	56
My first preference is An Foras	13	13	26
My first preference is ET	27	36	63
My first preference is VEC	4	3	7
My second preference is An Foras	5	3	8
My second preference is ET	13	21	34
My second preference is VEC	15	16	31
My third preference is An Foras	5	9	14
My third preference is ET	3	5	8
My third preference is VEC	5	3	8
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	32	96	128
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	2	9	8
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	10	40	50
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	3	9	12
I would like current schools reorganised -	22	68	90
Total Preferences ET	43	62	105
Total Preferences VEC	24	22	46
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	23	25	48
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	42	136	178
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	5	15	20
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	10	12	22
0 to 5 KM from town	9	14	23
6 to 10 KM from town	4	5	9
11 to 15 KM from town	4	5	9
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	27	36	63
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	40	80	120



0 to 5	23	77	100
6 to 10	20	39	59
11 to 15	9	14	23
16 to 20	4	4	8
Over 20	2	1	3
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	19	30	49
0 to 5	9	17	26
6 to 10	5	7	12
11 to 15	8	7	15
16 to 20	3	2	5
Over 20	0	0	0

## Nenagh - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
CARRIG N S	Ballycomm on	5km	113	178	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
EOCHAILLE ARA N S	Newtown	5km	123	113	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
S N ODHRAN NAOFA	Baile na Cloiche	5km	35	27	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
S N CILL RUADHAIN	Nenagh	5km	78	118	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
S N LIOS AN HALLA	Nenagh	5km	40	118	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
BALLINREE N S	Ballinree	5km	63	97	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
ST MARYS N S (COI)	Nenagh	CSO	33	76	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert
ST MARYS CONVENT	Nenagh	CSO	339	410	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Killaloe
ST MARYS JNR B N S	Nenagh	CSO	151	135	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Killaloe
GAELSCOIL AONACH	Botha Naomh Chollain	CSO	200	213	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
SCOIL NA MBRAITHRE	Nenagh	CSO	227	235	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Killaloe

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - New Ross**

### **New Ross Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 250 responses to the survey in the New Ross area and of these 238 were online while 12 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 447 children. Fifty six surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 367 children of whom 94 are pre-school children while 273 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 154 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 123 are from within 5km of the town, 69 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 13 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 8 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in New Ross over the last decade have increased from 1,247 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,572 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 796 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 768 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 151 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 145 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,076 while there are 462 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 442 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 4 more within a 5km range of the town. All of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,564.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 342 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was an overwhelming preference in the area for English language education with 319 preferences for English and 23 for Irish. Only five of the preferences for Irish relate to pre-school children and therefore it does not seem that there is viable demand here for a gaelscoil at this time and this is borne out by the fact that there were 8 pre-school preferences for An Foras Pátrúnachta.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 145 of the 367 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 117 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 117 there were 36 pre-school children and 81 school-going children. Of these 81 there are 42 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 63 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 21 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 18 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 67 first preferences for Educate Together, 33 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 23 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 101 preferences for Educate Together, 82 for the VEC and 77 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 90. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 176 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 116 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 63 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 27 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 101 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 68 are school going and 33 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## New Ross – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	94	273	367
I would prefer English -	80	239	319
I would prefer Irish -	5	18	23
I have no language preference -	9	14	23
I would prefer a wider choice -	40	105	145
I would avail of a wider choice -	36	81	117
I do not want a wider choice -	35	111	146
I would not avail of a wider choice -	39	137	176
I have no preference on a wider choice	19	55	74
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	19	53	72
My first preference is An Foras	8	25	33
My first preference is ET	24	43	67
My first preference is VEC	3	20	23
My second preference is An Foras	8	12	20
My second preference is ET	8	23	31
My second preference is VEC	13	19	32
My third preference is An Foras	10	14	24
My third preference is ET	1	2	3
My third preference is VEC	7	20	27
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Ossory	22	56	78
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Ferns	16	77	93
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Ossory	11	28	39
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Ferns	14	48	62
I would like current schools reorganised -	26	90	116
Total Preferences ET	33	68	101
Total Preferences VEC	23	59	82
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	26	51	77
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Ossory	33	84	117
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Ferns	30	125	155
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	12	24	36
0 to 5 KM from town	5	7	12
6 to 10 KM from town	3	7	10
11 to 15 KM from town	4	4	8
16 to 20 KM from town	0	1	1
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	24	43	67
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	36	118	154
0 to 5	26	97	123

6 to 10	21	48	69
11 to 15	6	7	13
16 to 20	1	3	4
Over 20	4	0	4
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	16	47	63
0 to 5	7	14	21
6 to 10	5	13	18
11 to 15	5	6	11
16 to 20	0	1	1
Over 20	3	0	3

### New Ross - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
THE ROWER MIXED N S	Inistiogue	5km	123	140	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ossory
RATHGAROGUE N S	Rathgarogue	5km	145	222	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
S N BAILE CUISIN	Foulkmills	5km	77	232	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ferns
S N SHEAN BHOTH	New Ross	5km	26	33	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ossory
ST CANICES CONVENT	Rosercon	CSO	245	264	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Ossory
MICHAEL ST N S	Michael St	CSO	95	124	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Ferns
SCOIL NA MBRAITHRE	New Ross	CSO	191	213	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Ferns
NMH IOSEPH N S	New Ross	CSO	345	344	CATHOLIC	All girls	Bishop of Ferns

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Palmerstown/Ballyfermot/Chapelizod/Cherry Orchard**

### **Palmerstown/Ballyfermot/Chapelizod/Cherry Orchard - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 461 responses to the survey in the Palmerstown area and of these 446 were online while 15 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 794 children. Sixty four surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 682 children of whom 150 are pre-school children while 532 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 529 are from within the parishes of Palmerstown, Ballyfermot, Chapelizod or Cherry Orchard while 90 are for adjacent parishes and 63 are from outside this area.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in the Palmerstown area over the last decade have fallen from 3,421 pupils in 2001 to a total of 3,122 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 1,510 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,593 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 500 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 510 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 5,363 while there are 2,110 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 2,057 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 13 schools within the area under consideration. Eleven of the thirteen schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 2,844 or 90% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 24 pupils enrolled representing 1% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 235 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 587 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 495 preferences for English and 92 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in the area given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 245 of the 682 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 174 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 174 there were 63 pre-school children and 111 school-going children. Of these 111 there are 53 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 133 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

specified parishes, 28 are in those immediately adjoining these parishes and 13 are from outside that area.

There were 94 first preferences for Educate Together, 47 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 39 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 147 preferences for Educate Together, 117 for the VEC and 100 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 133. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 386 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 172 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 87 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 46 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 147 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 88 are school going and 59 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.



## Palmerstown/Ballyfermot/Chapelizod/Cherry Orchard - Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	150	532	682
I would prefer English -	100	395	495
I would prefer Irish -	23	69	92
I have no language preference -	17	62	79
I would prefer a wider choice -	74	171	245
I would avail of a wider choice -	63	111	174
I do not want a wider choice -	41	245	286
I would not avail of a wider choice -	57	329	386
I have no preference on a wider choice	25	110	135
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	20	86	106
My first preference is An Foras	14	33	47
My first preference is ET	44	50	94
My first preference is VEC	2	37	39
My second preference is An Foras	19	21	40
My second preference is ET	14	35	49
My second preference is VEC	16	13	29
My third preference is An Foras	5	8	13
My third preference is ET	1	3	4
My third preference is VEC	12	37	49
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	52	300	352
Current patron first preference CoI Archbishop	2	4	6
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	24	101	125
Current patron second preference CoI Archbishop	4	25	29
I would like current schools reorganised -	25	147	172
Total Preferences ET	59	88	147
Total Preferences VEC	30	87	117
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	38	62	100
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	76	401	477
Total Preferences CoI Archbishop	6	29	35
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Parishes	30	42	72
Adjoining Parishes	13	7	20
Outside	1	1	2
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Parishes	114	415	529
Adjoining Parishes	23	67	90
Outside	13	50	63
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Parishes	45	88	133

Adjoining Parishes	15	13	28
Outside	3	10	13

### Palmerstown/Ballyfermot/Chapelizod/Cherry Orchard - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
CHAPELIZOD NS	Chapelizod	31	24	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough
CHAPELIZOD NO 1 NS	Chapelizod Village	227	219	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL LORCAIN B	Palmerstown	437	352	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL BRIDE C	Palmerstown	480	350	CATHOLIC	All girls	Archbishop of Dublin
LOUISE DE MARILLAC Primary School **	Ballyfermot	472	352	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SN BANRION NA NAINGEAL 1	Ballyfermot	159	146	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin
BAINRION NA NAINGAL 2	Ballyfermot Upper	142	95	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin
GAELSCOIL INSE CHOR	Droichead na hinse	208	235	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST GABRIEL'S NS	Dominican Campus	281	196	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST MICHAEL'S NS	Dominican Convent	275	310	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST RAPHAEL'S NS	Dominican Convent	270	221	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/ Infant mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST ULTANS NS	Cherry Orchard	0	315	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
DE LA SALLE NATIONAL SCHOOL	Ballyfermot	439	307	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin

\*\* Louise De Marillac Primary School 2001 Enrolments are from amalgamated schools

## **Appendix - Passage West**

### **Passage West Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 213 responses to the survey in the Passage West area and of these 212 were online while 1 paper survey was returned representing a total of 424 children. Twenty two surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 391 children of whom 125 are pre-school children while 266 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 202 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 185 are from within 5km of the town and 4 are between 5km and 10km from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Passage West over the last decade have increased from 468 pupils in 2001 to a total of 824 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 280 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 544 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 115 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 111 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,058 while there are 453 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 350 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 2 schools within the town and 1 more within a 5km range of the town. All three schools are Catholic English language schools with an enrolment of 824.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 354 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was an overwhelming preference in the area for English language education with 331 preferences for English and 23 for Irish. Of these 23 there were 10 pre-school preferences for all Irish education which would not equate to the numbers required for a viable primary school.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 170 of the 391 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 118 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 118 there were 43 pre-school children and 75 school-going children. Of these 75 there are 46 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 66 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town and 52 are from within 5km of the town boundary.

There were 68 first preferences for Educate Together, 15 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 24 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 101 preferences for

Educate Together, 57 for the VEC and 49 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 92. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 227 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 174 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 56 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 36 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 101 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 59 are school going and 42 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Passage West - Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	125	266	391
I would prefer English -	100	231	331
I would prefer Irish -	10	13	23
I have no language preference -	12	22	34
I would prefer a wider choice -	61	109	170
I would avail of a wider choice -	43	75	118
I do not want a wider choice -	37	98	135
I would not avail of a wider choice -	65	162	227
I have no preference on a wider choice	24	59	83
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	14	29	43
My first preference is An Foras	5	10	15
My first preference is ET	28	40	68
My first preference is VEC	8	16	24
My second preference is An Foras	6	11	17
My second preference is ET	11	17	28
My second preference is VEC	5	19	24
My third preference is An Foras	6	11	17
My third preference is ET	3	2	5
My third preference is VEC	2	7	9
I would like current schools reorganised -	48	126	174
Total Preferences ET	42	59	101
Total Preferences VEC	15	42	57
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	17	32	49
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	14	23	37
0 to 5 KM from town	14	17	31
6 to 10 KM from town	0	0	0
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	28	40	68
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	60	142	202
0 to 5	64	121	185
6 to 10	1	3	4
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	24	42	66

0 to 5	19	33	52
6 to 10	0	0	0
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Passage West - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA	Foxwood	5km	0	239	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
MONKSTOWN N S	Monkstown	CSO	221	219	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross
STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL	Passage West	CSO	247	366	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cork & Ross

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.



## **Appendix - Portmarnock**

### **Portmarnock - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 386 responses to the survey in the Portmarnock area and of these 381 were online while 5 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 786 children. Fifty surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 688 children of whom 204 are pre-school children while 484 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 449 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 202 are from within 5km of the town, 30 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 3 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 4 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Portmarnock over the last decade have decreased from 907 pupils in 2001 to a total of 864 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 381 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 460 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 125 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 122 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,098 while there are 523 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 338 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools in this area involved in this survey. All three of the schools are mixed Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 864.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 648 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was an overwhelming preference in the area for English language education with 593 preferences for English and 55 for Irish. The fact that there is no gaelscoil in the town indicates that further analysis may be required regarding all Irish primary education in the region.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 208 of the 688 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 144 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 144 there were 61 pre-school children and 83 school-going children. Of these 83 there are 61 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 93 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 41 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 9 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 101 first preferences for Educate Together, 21 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 21 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-

denominational school. In total there were 139 preferences for Educate Together, 97 for the VEC and 83 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 122. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 469 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 252 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area. This survey also indicates that there is a demand for all Irish education among some parents while there is no gaelscoil in the town.

There were expressions representing 69 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill in excess of 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 53 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 139 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 82 are school going and 57 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to half a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

Given the proximity of Malahide and Portmarnock these two areas could be examined together to provide a divesting solution that would cater for demand in both of them.

## Portmarnock – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	204	484	688
I would prefer English -	175	418	593
I would prefer Irish -	15	40	55
I have no language preference -	14	25	39
I would prefer a wider choice -	75	133	208
I would avail of a wider choice -	61	83	144
I do not want a wider choice -	102	262	364
I would not avail of a wider choice -	121	348	469
I have no preference on a wider choice	27	88	115
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	22	52	74
My first preference is An Foras	8	13	21
My first preference is ET	43	58	101
My first preference is VEC	10	11	21
My second preference is An Foras	13	13	26
My second preference is ET	12	21	33
My second preference is VEC	21	29	50
My third preference is An Foras	15	21	36
My third preference is ET	2	3	5
My third preference is VEC	9	17	26
I would like current schools reorganised -	84	168	252
Total Preferences ET	57	82	139
Total Preferences VEC	40	57	97
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	36	47	83
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	28	38	66
0 to 5 KM from town	12	17	29
6 to 10 KM from town	3	3	6
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	43	58	101
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	137	312	449
0 to 5	55	147	202
6 to 10	11	19	30
11 to 15	0	3	3
16 to 20	0	1	1
Over 20	1	2	3
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	39	54	93
0 to 5	16	25	41

6 to 10	5	4	9
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	1	0	1

## Portmarnock - Schools

<b>School</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Line Address</b>	<b>Distance*</b>	<b>2001 Enrol</b>	<b>2011 Enrol</b>	<b>Ethos</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Patron</b>
SCOIL NAOMH MEARNOG	Strand Road	CSO	324	351	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST HELEN'S JUNIOR NS	Martello	CSO	281	289	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST HELEN'S SENIOR NS	Martello	CSO	302	224	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - Roscommon**

### **Roscommon – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 352 responses to the survey in the Roscommon area and of these 347 were online while 5 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 666 children. Sixty three surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 565 children of whom 149 are pre-school children while 416 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 303 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 131 are from within 5km of the town, 83 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 24 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 24 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Roscommon over the last decade have increased from 847 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,194 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 582 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 605 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 95 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 99 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 792 while there are 326 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 287 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 5 more within a 5km range of the town. Seven of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,000 or 84% of the total enrolment. The other school is a Catholic gaelscoil with an enrolment of 187 pupils representing 15% of the total.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 528 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 451 preferences for English and 77 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Roscommon given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town. While the An Foras application was for a multi-denominational gaelscoil the establishment of such a school could have a detrimental effect on the current gaelscoil and therefore is not the optimum solution at this time.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 176 of the 565 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 120 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 120 there were 34 pre-school children and 86 school-going children. Of these 86 there are 51 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 56 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 24 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 26 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 52 first preferences for Educate Together, 42 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 11 for Roscommon VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are all proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 106 preferences for Educate Together, 51 for the VEC and 75 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 63. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 361 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 234 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 47 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 16 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 106 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 80 are school going and 26 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter a single stream school (comprising of 1 classroom) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Roscommon - Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	149	416	565
I would prefer English -	110	341	451
I would prefer Irish -	24	53	77
I have no language preference -	12	19	31
I would prefer a wider choice -	52	124	176
I would avail of a wider choice -	34	86	120
I do not want a wider choice -	68	201	269
I would not avail of a wider choice -	101	260	361
I have no preference on a wider choice	26	88	114
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	11	67	78
My first preference is An Foras	14	28	42
My first preference is ET	15	37	52
My first preference is VEC	1	10	11
My second preference is An Foras	3	13	16
My second preference is ET	7	31	38
My second preference is VEC	8	18	26
My third preference is An Foras	4	13	17
My third preference is ET	4	12	16
My third preference is VEC	4	10	14
Current patron first preference An Foras	16	33	49
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	78	213	291
Current patron second preference An Foras	12	20	32
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	39	83	122
I would like current schools reorganised -	78	156	234
Total Preferences ET	26	80	106
Total Preferences VEC	13	38	51
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	21	54	75
Total Preferences An Foras (Catholic)	28	53	81
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	117	296	413
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	3	17	20
0 to 5 KM from town	6	4	10
6 to 10 KM from town	3	12	15
11 to 15 KM from town	1	3	4
16 to 20 KM from town	1	0	1
Over 20KM from town	1	1	2
	15	37	52
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	68	235	303
0 to 5	41	90	131



6 to 10	25	58	83
11 to 15	7	17	24
16 to 20	4	12	16
Over 20	4	4	8
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	10	46	56
0 to 5	12	12	24
6 to 10	8	18	26
11 to 15	1	6	7
16 to 20	1	2	3
Over 20	2	2	4

## Roscommon - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
CLOVER HILL N S	Roscommon	2km	25	14	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Elphin
S N NAOMH SEOSAMH	Ballykilmurray	5km	38	69	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Elphin
KILTEEVAN N S	Roscommon	5km	22	51	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Elphin
CIARAN NAOFA	Fiodharta	5km	82	95	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Elphin
ROXBORO N S	Doireain	5km	100	161	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Elphin
ST MARYS CONVENT N S	Roscommon	CSO	381	432	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Bishop of Elphin
SCOIL NA MAINISTREACH	Cur an Bothar	CSO	176	185	CATHOLIC	All boys	Bishop of Elphin
GAELSCOIL DE HIDE	Cnoc na cruibe	CSO	23	187	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - Roscrea**

### **Roscrea – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 95 responses to the survey in the Roscrea area and of these 95 were online while no paper surveys were returned representing a total of 166 children. Twenty three surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 135 children of whom 41 are pre-school children while 94 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 57 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 49 are from within 5km of the town, 19 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 7 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 3 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Roscrea over the last decade have increased from 857 pupils in 2001 to a total of 987 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 502 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 473 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 90 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 101 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 827 while there are 332 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 290 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Five of the seven schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 891 or 91% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 54 pupils enrolled representing fewer than 6% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 30 pupils or 3% of the total. Given that there were 3 pre-school preferences for Irish language education it would seem there is adequate accommodation for this type of education in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 113 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 105 preferences for English and 8 for Irish.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 28 of the 135 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 21 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 21 there were 10 pre-school children and 11 school-going children. Of these 11 there are 5 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 10 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 4 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 3 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 11 first preferences for Educate Together, 6 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 3 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 16 preferences for Educate Together, 11 for the VEC and 9 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 14. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 93 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 68 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 6 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill less than 1 classroom. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 8 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 16 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 8 are school going and 8 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 1 classroom) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Roscrea - Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	41	94	135
I would prefer English -	34	71	105
I would prefer Irish -	3	5	8
I have no language preference -	4	17	21
I would prefer a wider choice -	10	18	28
I would avail of a wider choice -	10	11	21
I do not want a wider choice -	23	47	70
I would not avail of a wider choice -	26	67	93
I have no preference on a wider choice	8	28	36
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	5	15	20
My first preference is An Foras	2	4	6
My first preference is ET	8	3	11
My first preference is VEC	0	3	3
My second preference is An Foras	1	0	1
My second preference is ET	0	5	5
My second preference is VEC	3	2	5
My third preference is An Foras	0	2	2
My third preference is ET	0	0	0
My third preference is VEC	1	2	3
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	19	51	70
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	3	5	8
Current patron first preference Shared	1	5	6
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	5	5	10
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	0	3	3
Current patron second preference Shared	6	13	19
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop	3	6	9
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	1	2	3
Current patron third preference Shared	1	3	4
I would like current schools reorganised -	19	49	68
Total Preferences ET	8	8	16
Total Preferences VEC	4	7	11
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	3	6	9
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	24	56	80
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	3	8	11
Total Preferences Shared	7	18	25
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	2	3	5
0 to 5 KM from town	2	0	2
6 to 10 KM from town	0	0	0
11 to 15 KM from town	1	0	1
16 to 20 KM from town	3	0	3
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0

	8	3	11
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	16	41	57
0 to 5	15	34	49
6 to 10	4	15	19
11 to 15	3	4	7
16 to 20	3	0	3
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	2	8	10
0 to 5	3	1	4
6 to 10	1	2	3
11 to 15	1	0	1
16 to 20	3	0	3
Over 20	0	0	0

## Roscrea - Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
S N CRONAIN NAOFA	Drum Uí Cianain	2km	243	228	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
SCOIL MHUIRE	Lismackin	5km	76	82	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
GAELSCOIL AN TSLI DALA	Boiris Mor Ossairi	5km	0	30	INTER DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe and Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert COI
ST JOHNS	Roscrea	CSO	140	159	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
ROSCREA N S NO 2 (COI)	Roscrea	CSO	53	54	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert COI
S N IOSEF NAOFA	Cor na Bhile	CSO	93	229	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL	Newline	CSO	252	205	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - Rush**

### **Rush - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 448 responses to the survey in the Rush area and of these 440 were online while 8 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 806 children. Seventy eight surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 684 children of whom 145 are pre-school children while 539 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 572 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 94 are from within 5km of the town, 13 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 5 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 0 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Rush over the last decade have increased from 941 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,350 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 655 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 695 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 187 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 186 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,673 while there are 671 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 582 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 1 more within a 2km range of the town. Three of the four schools are mixed Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,254 or 93% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 96 pupils enrolled representing 7% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 615 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a significant preference in the area for English language education with 520 preferences for English and 95 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Rush given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 218 of the 684 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 149 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 149 there were 39 pre-school children and 110 school-going children. Of these 110 there are 53 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 129 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the



town, 16 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 3 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 75 first preferences for Educate Together, 46 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 26 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 116 preferences for Educate Together, 90 for the VEC and 91 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 101. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 421 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 183 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 78 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 23 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 116 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 83 are school going and 33 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Rush – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	145	539	684
I would prefer English -	89	431	520
I would prefer Irish -	34	61	95
I have no language preference -	13	45	58
I would prefer a wider choice -	55	163	218
I would avail of a wider choice -	39	110	149
I do not want a wider choice -	58	259	317
I would not avail of a wider choice -	81	340	421
I have no preference on a wider choice	22	113	135
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	15	85	100
My first preference is An Foras	15	31	46
My first preference is ET	17	58	75
My first preference is VEC	6	20	26
My second preference is An Foras	8	18	26
My second preference is ET	15	21	36
My second preference is VEC	6	28	34
My third preference is An Foras	4	15	19
My third preference is ET	1	4	5
My third preference is VEC	10	20	30
Current patron first preference An Foras	11	28	39
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	51	292	343
Current patron second preference An Foras	17	35	52
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	24	142	166
I would like current schools reorganised -	52	131	183
Total Preferences ET	33	83	116
Total Preferences VEC	22	68	90
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	27	64	91
Total Preferences An Foras (Catholic)	28	63	91
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	75	434	509
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	16	51	67
0 to 5 KM from town	0	4	4
6 to 10 KM from town	1	2	3
11 to 15 KM from town	0	1	1
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	17	58	75
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	121	451	572
0 to 5	22	72	94

6 to 10	2	11	13
11 to 15	0	5	5
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	33	96	129
0 to 5	5	11	16
6 to 10	1	2	3
11 to 15	0	1	1
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

### Rush – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
RUSH NS	Rush	CSO	612	713	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL NAIS CAITRIONA	Kenure	CSO	155	325	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
Gaelscoil Ros Eo	St Maurs GAA	CSO	0	96	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta
SCOIL N. BREANDAN	Loughshinny	2km	174	216	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop

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## **Appendix – Shannon**

### **Shannon Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 904 responses to the survey in the Shannon area and of these 892 were online while 12 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 1,596 children. One hundred and eighty four surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 1,289 children of whom 331 are pre-school children while 958 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 850 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 317 are from within 5km of the town, 84 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 16 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 22 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Shannon over the last decade have increased from 1,368 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,684 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 847 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 837 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 132 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 137 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,854 while there are 711 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 712 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a stable school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 6 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Seven of the nine schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,577 or 93% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 24 pupils enrolled representing 2% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 83 pupils.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 1,180 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was an overwhelming preference in the area for English language education with 1,132 preferences for English and 48 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Shannon given that there is currently a gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 234 of the 1,289 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 154 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 154 there were 37 pre-school children and 117 school-going children. Of these 117 there are 63 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 91 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 30 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 11 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 97 first preferences for Educate Together, 15 for An Foras Pátrúnachta, 10 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school and 4 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. In total there were 123 preferences for Educate Together, 86 for the VEC, 30 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 18 for the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 107. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 996 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 253 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 81 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 26 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 123 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 91 are school going and 32 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Bishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Shannon – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	331	958	1289
I would prefer English -	276	856	1132
I would prefer Irish -	22	26	48
I have no language preference -	25	63	88
I would prefer a wider choice -	57	177	234
I would avail of a wider choice -	37	117	154
I do not want a wider choice -	220	596	816
I would not avail of a wider choice -	257	739	996
I have no preference on a wider choice	45	171	216
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	29	89	118
My first preference is An Foras	4	11	15
My first preference is ET	23	74	97
My first preference is Clare VEC	3	7	10
My first preference is RCCG	2	2	4
My second preference is An Foras	2	4	6
My second preference is ET	6	12	18
My second preference is Clare VEC	12	43	55
My second preference is RCCG	0	5	5
My third preference is An Foras	5	3	8
My third preference is ET	1	2	3
My third preference is Clare VEC	6	10	16
My third preference is RCCG	0	3	3
My fourth preference is An Foras	0	1	1
My fourth preference is ET	2	3	5
My fourth preference is Clare VEC	0	5	5
My fourth preference is RCCG	3	3	6
Current patron first preference Catholic	251	704	955
Current patron first preference CoI	1	4	5
Current patron second preference Catholic	99	270	369
Current patron second preference CoI	12	44	56
I would like current schools reorganised -	74	179	253
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	11	19	30
Total Preferences ET	32	91	123
Total Preferences Clare VEC	21	65	86
Total Preferences RCCG	5	13	18
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	350	974	1324
Total Preferences CoI	13	48	61
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	13	53	66
0 to 5 KM from town	5	11	16
6 to 10 KM from town	5	4	9

11 to 15 KM from town	0	3	3
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	3	3
	23	74	97
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	214	636	850
0 to 5	79	238	317
6 to 10	31	53	84
11 to 15	5	11	16
16 to 20	1	3	4
Over 20	1	17	18
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	18	73	91
0 to 5	11	19	30
6 to 10	5	6	11
11 to 15	1	4	5
16 to 20	1	1	2
Over 20	1	14	15



## Shannon – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
STONEHALL N S	Newmarket on Fergus	5km	72	108	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
S N CLUAIN MUINGE	Clonmoney	2km	82	145	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
SCOIL NA MAIGHDINE MHUIRE	Cora Chaithlin	5km	189	186	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
SHANNON AIRPORT 1 N S	Shannon Airport	CSO	106	110	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
SHANNON AIRPORT NO 2 NS (COI)	Shannon Airport	CSO	32	24	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert
ST CONAIRES NS	Shannon	CSO	399	515	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
NAOMH TOLA	Namoh Tola	CSO	156	233	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
ST AIDANS NS	Smithstown	CSO	274	280	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe
GAELSCOIL DONNCHA RUA	Sionna	CSO	58	83	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Killaloe

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Skerries**

### **Skerries – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 471 responses to the survey in the Skerries area and of these 466 were online while 5 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 940 children. Fifty seven surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 846 children of whom 238 are pre-school children while 608 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 694 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 146 are from within 5km of the town and 6 are between 5km and 10km from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Skerries over the last decade have increased from 1,211 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,471 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 693 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 778 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will not increase over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 173 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 132 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,970 while there are 821 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 720 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 1 more within a 2km range of the town. Four of these schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,215 or 82% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 91 pupils enrolled representing 7% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is an Educate Together multi-denominational school with approximately 165 pupils representing 11% of the total.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 733 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 608 preferences for English and 125 for Irish. Of these 125, 89 are school going children while 36 are pre-school. Given the fact that there is no gaelscoil in the town a regional analysis may be necessary to determine how best this need can be met.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 220 of the 846 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 134 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 134 there were 50 pre-school children and 84 school-going children. Of these 84 there are 51 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 117 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 16 are from within 5km of the town boundary and 1 is from further than this.

There were 65 first preferences for the VEC and 38 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. In total there were 96 preferences for the VEC and 67 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Both applicant patrons applied for a multi-denominational school and there is currently an English speaking multi-denominational school in the town which takes in a stream and a half each year.

Of the 587 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 431 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 40 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 25 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for the VEC at 96 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 63 are school going and 33 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of about one quarter of a single stream school (comprising about 2 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Skerries – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	238	608	846
I would prefer English -	156	452	608
I would prefer Irish -	36	89	125
I have no language preference -	37	65	102
I would prefer a wider choice -	67	153	220
I would avail of a wider choice -	50	84	134
I do not want a wider choice -	121	321	442
I would not avail of a wider choice -	154	433	587
I have no preference on a wider choice	41	132	173
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	25	89	114
My first preference is An Foras	16	22	38
My first preference is VEC	25	40	65
My second preference is An Foras	14	15	29
My second preference is VEC	8	23	31
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	133	374	507
Current patron first preference CoI Archbishop	3	7	10
Current patron first preference ET	10	30	40
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	25	36	61
Current patron second preference CoI Archbishop	15	30	45
Current patron second preference ET	23	56	79
Current patron third preference Catholic Archbishop	19	21	40
Current patron third preference CoI Archbishop	2	14	16
Current patron third preference ET	14	22	36
I would like current schools reorganised -	113	318	431
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	30	37	67
Total Preferences VEC	33	63	96
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	177	431	608
Total Preferences CoI Archbishop	20	51	71
Total Preferences ET	47	108	155
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference VEC</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	23	35	58
0 to 5 KM from town	2	5	7
6 to 10 KM from town	0	0	0
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	25	40	65
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	202	492	694
0 to 5	35	111	146

6 to 10	1	5	6
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	45	72	117
0 to 5	5	11	16
6 to 10	0	1	1
11 to 15	0	0	0
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0
<b>Ages of pre-school children who would avail of change</b>			
<b>Year Born</b>		<b>Children</b>	
2013		0	
2012		11	
2011		10	
2010		4	
2009		16	
2008		9	

### Skerries Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
HOLMPATRICK N S	Holmpatrick	CSO	42	91	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough
ST PATRICK'S SNR MIXED	Skerries	CSO	378	346	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
ST PATRICK'S JNR MIXED	Skerries	CSO	362	338	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SN REALT NA MARA	Thomas Hand St	CSO	363	436	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
Skerries Educate Together NS	Barnageeragh	CSO	0	165	MULTI DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	Educate Together
Scoil Moibhi	Milverton	5km	66	95	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix –Thurles**

### **Thurles – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 257 responses to the survey in the Thurles area and of these 248 were online while 9 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 492 children. Forty surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 417 children of whom 99 are pre-school children while 318 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 186 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 130 are from within 5km of the town, 71 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 18 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 12 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Thurles over the last decade have increased from 1,379 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,451 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 731 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 720 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 116 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 123 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,238 while there are 490 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 428 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 4 more within a 5km range of the town. Seven of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,228 or 85% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 223 pupils enrolled representing 15% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 374 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 304 preferences for English and 70 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Thurles given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town. The current gaelscoil has a single stream intake and the pre-school preferences represent 14 children for all Irish education.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 135 of the 417 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 73 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 73 there were 25 pre-school children and 48 school-going children. Of these 48 there are 25 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 30 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 18 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 12 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 50 first preferences for Educate Together, 7 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 13 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 62 preferences for Educate Together, 47 for the VEC and 24 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 63. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 297 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 162 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 45 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 18 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 62 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 41 are school going and 21 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 2 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.



## Thurles – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	99	318	417
I would prefer English -	71	233	304
I would prefer Irish -	14	56	70
I have no language preference -	14	25	39
I would prefer a wider choice -	46	89	135
I would avail of a wider choice -	25	48	73
I do not want a wider choice -	36	163	199
I would not avail of a wider choice -	64	233	297
I have no preference on a wider choice	17	57	74
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	10	30	40
My first preference is An Foras	6	1	7
My first preference is ET	14	36	50
My first preference is VEC	4	9	13
My second preference is An Foras	5	6	11
My second preference is ET	6	5	11
My second preference is VEC	1	16	17
My third preference is An Foras	0	6	6
My third preference is ET	1	0	1
My third preference is VEC	8	9	17
I would like current schools reorganised -	39	123	162
Total Preferences ET	21	41	62
Total Preferences VEC	13	34	47
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	11	13	24
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	5	14	19
0 to 5 KM from town	4	9	13
6 to 10 KM from town	1	9	10
11 to 15 KM from town	1	4	5
16 to 20 KM from town	3	0	3
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	14	36	50
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	39	147	186
0 to 5	35	95	130
6 to 10	17	54	71
11 to 15	3	15	18
16 to 20	4	2	6
Over 20	1	5	6
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	9	21	30

0 to 5	8	10	18
6 to 10	3	9	12
11 to 15	1	7	8
16 to 20	4	1	5
Over 20	0	0	0

## Thurles – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
S N NAOMH PEADAR	Horse & Jockey	5km	125	156	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
S N LEAMHACH	Thurles	5km	50	73	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
S N RATH EILTE	Thurles	5km	68	90	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
S N MICHEAL NAOFA	Holycross	5km	168	216	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
SCOIL AILBHE	Thurles	CSO	211	222	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
SCOIL ANGELA	Thurles	CSO	310	246	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
SCOIL NA TOIRBHIRTE	Thurles	CSO	241	225	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
GAELSCOIL DURLAS EILE	Thurles	CSO	206	223	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix - Tipperary**

### **Tipperary – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 389 responses to the survey in the Tipperary area and of these 345 were online while 44 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 698 children. Fifty surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 599 children of whom 126 are pre-school children while 473 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 235 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 197 are from within 5km of the town, 94 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 19 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 54 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in the Tipperary area over the last decade have fallen from 1,010 pupils in 2001 to a total of 983 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 503 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 480 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 66 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would be 80 five year olds by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 760 while there are 304 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 275 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a stable school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 5 schools within the town and 4 more within a 5km range of the town. Eight of the nine schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 919 or 93% of the total enrolment. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with 64 pupils or 7% of total enrolments in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 558 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 493 preferences for English and 65 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Tipperary given that there is currently a gaelscoil in the town which could be expanded in necessary.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 126 of the 599 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 98 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 98 there were 27 pre-school children and 71 school-going children. Of these 71 there are 39 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 29 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 23 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 22 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 55 first preferences for Educate Together, 16 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 17 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 77 preferences for Educate Together, 44 for the VEC and 52 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 72. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 439 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 133 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 50 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 2 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 22 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 77 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 53 are school going and 24 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 2 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

At the moment an assessment of accommodation with a view to extending the range of choice available in the area is not the optimal solution but the situation may be reassessed in the future.

## Tipperary – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	126	473	599
I would prefer English -	96	397	493
I would prefer Irish -	19	46	65
I have no language preference -	6	24	30
I would prefer a wider choice -	36	90	126
I would avail of a wider choice -	27	71	98
I do not want a wider choice -	63	330	393
I would not avail of a wider choice -	74	365	439
I have no preference on a wider choice	22	50	72
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	20	32	52
My first preference is An Foras	1	15	16
My first preference is ET	17	38	55
My first preference is VEC	5	12	17
My second preference is An Foras	9	13	22
My second preference is ET	6	12	18
My second preference is VEC	1	7	8
My third preference is An Foras	6	8	14
My third preference is ET	1	3	4
My third preference is VEC	7	12	19
Current patron first preference An Foras	4	18	22
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop	25	318	343
Current patron second preference An Foras	4	37	41
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop	44	128	172
I would like current schools reorganised -	27	106	133
Total Preferences ET	24	53	77
Total Preferences VEC	13	31	44
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	16	36	52
Total Preferences An Foras (Catholic)	8	55	63
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop	69	446	515
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within Town	3	14	17
0 to 5 KM from town	3	11	14
6 to 10 KM from town	4	7	11
11 to 15 KM from town	4	0	4
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	3	6	9
	17	38	55

<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	46	189	235
0 to 5	37	160	197
6 to 10	23	71	94
11 to 15	8	11	19
16 to 20	0	3	3
Over 20	12	39	51
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	6	23	29
0 to 5	3	20	23
6 to 10	5	17	22
11 to 15	6	0	6
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	7	11	18

## Tipperary – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
MONARD N S	Monard	5km	65	70	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
NEWTOWN N S	Newtown	5km	18	24	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
SHRONELL N S	Lattin	5km	29	74	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
MOUNT BRUIS N S	Mount Bruis	5km	56	89	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
TIPPERARY JNR BN S	Tipperary	CSO	142	117	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
TIPPERARY G N S	St Michaels St	CSO	176	182	CATHOLIC	All girls	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
CONVENT OF MERCY	Murgasty Road	CSO	195	160	CATHOLIC	All girls	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
SCOIL NA MBRAITHRE	Tipperary	CSO	233	203	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
GAELSCOIL THIOBRAID ARANN	Morgaiste	CSO	96	64	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.



## **Appendix – Tuam**

### **Tuam Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 227 responses to the survey in the Tuam area and of these 219 were online while 8 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 453 children. Forty two surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 377 children of whom 121 are pre-school children while 256 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 142 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 132 are from within 5km of the town, 64 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 32 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 7 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Tuam over the last decade have increased from 1,104 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,452 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 641 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 782 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 125 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 178 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,255 while there are 550 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 375 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 6 more within a 5km range of the town. Nine of the ten schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,255 or 88% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 168 pupils enrolled representing 12% of total enrolments in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 351 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 292 preferences for English and 59 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Tuam given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 152 of the 377 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 112 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 112 there were 43 pre-school children and 69 school-going children. Of these 69 there are 45 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 48 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 40 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 20 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 77 first preferences for Educate Together, 19 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 20 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 105 preferences for Educate Together, 68 for the VEC and 76 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 97. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 213 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 137 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 64 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental preferences representing 33 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 105 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 64 are school going and 41 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Tuam – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	121	256	377
I would prefer English -	92	200	292
I would prefer Irish -	19	40	59
I have no language preference -	9	15	24
I would prefer a wider choice -	54	98	152
I would avail of a wider choice -	43	69	112
I do not want a wider choice -	39	100	139
I would not avail of a wider choice -	61	152	213
I have no preference on a wider choice	26	55	81
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	15	32	47
My first preference is An Foras	7	12	19
My first preference is ET	29	48	77
My first preference is VEC	4	16	20
My second preference is An Foras	16	24	40
My second preference is ET	8	12	20
My second preference is VEC	7	15	22
My third preference is An Foras	2	15	17
My third preference is ET	4	4	8
My third preference is VEC	10	16	26
Current patron first preference An Foras	6	14	20
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	51	127	178
Current patron second preference An Foras	7	17	24
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	20	57	77
I would like current schools reorganised -	39	98	137
Total Preferences ET	41	64	105
Total Preferences VEC	21	47	68
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	25	51	76
Total Preferences An Foras (Catholic)	13	31	44
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	71	184	255
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	18	18	36
0 to 5 KM from town	6	23	29
6 to 10 KM from town	4	6	10
11 to 15 KM from town	1	1	2
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	29	48	77
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	51	91	142
0 to 5	28	104	132
6 to 10	27	37	64
11 to 15	10	22	32
16 to 20	1	1	2
Over 20	4	1	5

Location of Those who would avail of Change	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	24	24	48
0 to 5	7	33	40
6 to 10	9	11	20
11 to 15	2	1	3
16 to 20	1	0	1
Over 20	0	0	0

## Tuam – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
CEATHRU NA NGARRDHANTA	Carrow Reigh	2km	124	151	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N AN TSAILEAIN	Tuam	5km	74	70	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N CEATHRU NA LAITHIGH	Tuam	5km	34	26	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N CATHAIR GEAL	CATHAIR GEAL	5km	102	86	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
SN AN CROI RO NAOFA	Bel Clair	5km	77	146	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N BHEANAIN	Tuam	5km	56	75	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
SCOIL MHUIRE PRIMARY SCH	Dublin Road	CSO	141	174	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
SCOIL NA MBRAITHRE	Tuam	CSO	177	221	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Tuam
PRESENTATION CONVENT	Tuam	CSO	236	335	CATHOLIC	Senior girls/Infant mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
GAELSCOIL IARFHLATHA	Sr an Easbaig	CSO	83	168	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## **Appendix – Westport**

### **Westport - Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 238 responses to the survey in the Westport area and of these 235 were online while 3 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 460 children. Fifty four were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 359 children of whom 93 are pre-school children while 266 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 125 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 178 are from within 5km of the town, 28 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 5 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 23 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Westport over the last decade have increased from 772 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,493 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 740 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 742 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 73 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would grow to 95 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 874 while there are 333 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 328 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 7 more within a 5km range of the town. Nine of the eleven schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,219 or 82% of the total enrolment. There is one Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 201 pupils enrolled representing 14% of total enrolments in the town and a Church of Ireland school with 62 pupils or 4% of the total pupils in the area.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 322 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 269 preferences for English and 53 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Westport given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town. The current gaelscoil has a single stream intake and the pre-school preferences represent 13 children for all Irish education.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 178 of the 359 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 148 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 148 there were 43 pre-school children and 105 school-going children. Of these 105 there are 53 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 46 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the

town, 74 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 10 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 75 first preferences for Educate Together, 60 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 11 for the VEC. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 140 preferences for Educate Together, 74 for the VEC and 114 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 86. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 165 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 135 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area. Exactly how this change could be facilitated would need to be examined further but the reorganisation of the schools within the area could result in it being possible to offer greater choice. It should be noted that any change would not increase the overall number of pupils to be accommodated in the existing school buildings in the area.

There were expressions representing 67 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 3 classrooms. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 19 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 140 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 103 are school going and 37 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of up to one half of a single stream school (comprising of 4 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand in the medium to long-term. Detailed examination of the reorganisation of the schools in the town and their possible reconfiguration could result in a building being freed up for a new patron.

The main patron (Catholic Archbishop) should now be asked to consider re-configuration options that would provide accommodation for an Educate Together (English language multi-denominational school) in the area. Taking account of likely long-term requirements, accommodation options for a full stream of provision should be considered.

## Westport – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	93	266	359
I would prefer English -	67	202	269
I would prefer Irish -	13	40	53
I have no language preference -	11	24	35
I would prefer a wider choice -	47	131	178
I would avail of a wider choice -	43	105	148
I do not want a wider choice -	26	85	111
I would not avail of a wider choice -	31	134	165
I have no preference on a wider choice	18	50	68
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	17	27	44
My first preference is An Foras	22	38	60
My first preference is ET	13	62	75
My first preference is VEC	6	5	11
My second preference is An Foras	14	26	40
My second preference is ET	19	34	53
My second preference is VEC	3	19	22
My third preference is An Foras	4	10	14
My third preference is ET	5	7	12
My third preference is VEC	15	26	41
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	27	94	121
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop	0	6	6
Current patron first preference An Foras	1	22	23
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	4	26	30
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop	2	5	7
Current patron second preference An Foras	1	11	12
Current patron third preference Catholic Archbishop	3	19	22
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop	1	3	4
Current patron third preference An Foras	0	6	6
I would like current schools reorganised -	27	108	135
Total Preferences ET	37	103	140
Total Preferences VEC	24	50	74
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	40	74	114
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	31	120	151
Total Preferences CoI Bishop	2	11	13
Total Preferences An Foras	2	33	35
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	4	17	21
0 to 5 KM from town	7	34	41
6 to 10 KM from town	0	8	8
11 to 15 KM from town	0	0	0
16 to 20 KM from town	2	1	3
Over 20KM from town	0	2	2
	13	62	75
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	Preschool	School	Total
In Town	38	87	125
0 to 5	42	136	178
6 to 10	5	23	28



11 to 15	1	4	5
16 to 20	3	4	7
Over 20	4	12	16
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	16	30	46
0 to 5	20	54	74
6 to 10	1	9	10
11 to 15	1	2	3
16 to 20	2	4	6
Over 20	3	6	9

## Westport – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
BRACKLOON N S	Westport	5km	31	99	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N FAITCHE	Westport	5km	58	102	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
MYNA N S	Westport	5km	97	128	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N LAINN CILLE	Westport	5km	28	60	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
CARRAHOLLY N S	Westport	5km	45	91	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N COLM NAOFA	Coggale	5km	46	43	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
S N CNOC RUSCAIGHE	Westport	5km	83	157	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
GAELSCOIL NA CRUAICHE	Sraid Altamount	CSO	138	201	CATHOLIC	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta
SCOIL PHADRAIC	Westport	CSO	0	325	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam
HOLY TRINITY N S	Newtown	CSO	54	62	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	BISHOP OF TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY COI
S N NAOMH COLM CILLE	Westport	CSO	192	225	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Tuam

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## **Appendix – Wicklow**

### **Wicklow – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 375 responses to the survey in the Wicklow area and of these 368 were online while 7 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 701 children. Forty two surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 619 children of whom 195 are pre-school children while 424 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 307 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 158 are from within 5km of the town, 59 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 56 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 39 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Wicklow over the last decade have increased from 1,734 pupils in 2001 to a total of 2,080 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 988 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 1,075 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 167 five year olds in September 2012 and this number would fall to 149 five year olds there by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,559 while there are 616 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 577 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates an increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 4 schools within the town and 4 more within a 5km range of the town. Five of the eight schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 1,330 or 64% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 228 pupils enrolled representing 12% of total enrolments in the town. There is an inter-denominational gaelscoil with 248 pupils or 12% of the total and an English language multi-denominational school with 264 pupils or 12% of the total.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 387 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 299 preferences for English and 88 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Wicklow given that there is currently a single stream gaelscoil in the town which could be asked to expand. It is important to note that due to technical problems parents of pre-school children were not asked the question regarding their choice of language. The current gaelscoil is interdenominational and An Foras Pátrúnachta applied for a multi-denominational gaelscoil.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 354 of the 619 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 295 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 295 there were 109 pre-school children and 186 school-going children. Of these 186 there are 127 in junior infant to

second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth class. In total 121 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 82 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 25 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 53 first preferences for the VEC and 204 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. In total there were 143 preferences for the VEC and 230 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available while there is also strong demand for all Irish education.

Of the 242 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 168 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 31 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 1 classroom. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 22 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter of a stream school (comprising of 1 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Given that there is already an English language multi-denominational school in the town this does not seem to be viable.

There were expressions representing 130 school going children that stated they would avail of an Irish language multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 5 classrooms, all of which can be catered for by the current gaelscoil. There were expressions of parental preferences representing 74 pre-school children that stated they would avail of an Irish medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than a one stream school (comprising of 8 classrooms) being required to accommodate such a level of demand. Given that there is already an Irish language inter-denominational school with a two stream intake this demand seems to be catered for.

The Department will engage directly with the existing patron of the inter-denominational Gaelscoil (An Foras Pátrúnachta) in relation to the survey outcome in this regard.

## Wicklow – Analysis

Question	Pre School Children	School Children	Total Preferences
How many children -	195	424	619
I would prefer English -	2	297	299
I would prefer Irish -	0	88	88
I have no language preference -	0	37	37
I would prefer a wider choice -	121	233	354
I would avail of a wider choice -	109	186	295
I do not want a wider choice -	41	103	144
I would not avail of a wider choice -	67	175	242
I have no preference on a wider choice	28	87	115
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	14	62	76
My first preference is An Foras	74	130	204
My first preference is VEC	22	31	53
My second preference is An Foras	13	13	26
My second preference is VEC	35	55	90
Current patron first preference An Foras	13	32	45
Current patron first preference ET	3	16	19
Current patron first preference Catholic Archbishop	38	103	141
Current patron first preference CoI Archbishop	10	21	31
Current patron second preference An Foras	6	16	22
Current patron second preference ET	11	20	31
Current patron second preference Catholic Archbishop	11	20	31
Current patron second preference CoI Archbishop	2	4	6
Current patron third preference An Foras	0	1	1
Current patron third preference ET	1	10	11
Current patron third preference Catholic Archbishop	5	6	11
Current patron third preference CoI Archbishop	3	9	12
Current patron fourth preference An Foras	2	3	5
Current patron fourth preference ET	2	6	8
Current patron fourth preference Catholic Archbishop	4	3	7
Current patron fourth preference CoI Archbishop	0	3	3
I would like current schools reorganised -	49	119	168
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	87	143	230
Total Preferences VEC	57	86	143
Total Preferences An Foras	21	52	73
Total Preferences ET	17	52	69
Total Preferences Catholic Archbishop	58	132	190
Total Preferences CoI Archbishop	15	37	52
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference An Foras (Multid)</b>	Preschool	School	Total

Within Town	30	53	83
0 to 5 KM from town	23	30	53
6 to 10 KM from town	4	9	13
11 to 15 KM from town	8	17	25
16 to 20 KM from town	9	14	23
Over 20KM from town	0	7	7
	74	130	204
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	84	223	307
0 to 5	57	101	158
6 to 10	16	43	59
11 to 15	26	30	56
16 to 20	12	19	31
Over 20	0	8	8
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	40	81	121
0 to 5	37	45	82
6 to 10	6	19	25
11 to 15	14	19	33
16 to 20	12	15	27
Over 20	0	7	7

## Wicklow – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
S N NAOMH IOSEF G	Rathnew	2km	92	112	CATHOLIC	All girls	Archbishop of Dublin
ST ERNANS B N S	Edenmore	2km	108	130	CATHOLIC	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin
GAELSCOIL CHILL MHANTAIN	An Casadh Meidreach	2km	178	248	INTER DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	An Foras Patrunachta
ASHFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL (Scoil na Coroine Muire)	Ashford	5km	275	342	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
WICKLOW 2 N S	Wicklow	CSO	128	228	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough
PADRAIG NAOFA B N S	St Patricks Road	CSO	503	318	CATHOLIC	Mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
SCOIL AN CHOROIN MHUIRE (Holy Rosary NS)	Wicklow Town	CSO	450	438	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Archbishop of Dublin
WICKLOW EDUCATE TOGETHER NS	Marine House	CSO	0	264	MULTI DENOMINATIONAL	All mixed	Educate Together

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## **Appendix – Youghal**

### **Youghal – Report**

#### **Response Rate**

There were a total of 129 responses to the survey in the Youghal area and of these 123 were online while 6 paper surveys were returned representing a total of 212 children. Twenty one surveys were found to be invalid because they did not contain a valid PPSN, did not return a name, did not have a valid address or did not have children in pre-school or primary school. The valid preferences represented 173 children of whom 47 are pre-school children while 126 attend primary school. Of the total number of valid preferences 97 are from within the town boundary as defined by the CSO, 58 are from within 5km of the town, 14 are between 5km and 10km from the town while 2 are from between 10km and 15km of the town boundary and 2 are 15km or more from the town.

#### **Demographic Situation**

Enrolments in Youghal over the last decade have increased from 922 pupils in 2001 to a total of 1,074 in 2011/2012. At the moment there are 517 pupils in the four senior class groups compared to 557 in the four junior class groups in the area. Child benefit data indicates that junior infant enrolments will remain relatively stable over the next four years. Data from the Department of Social Protection indicated that there would be in the region of 105 five year olds in September 2012 and this number will be 116 by 2015. An analysis of the 2011 census indicates that the number of children aged 0 to 12 years old living within the town boundary is 1,257 while there are 511 children aged 1 to 5 years old and 461 children aged 8 to 12 years old which indicates a slightly increasing school going population.

#### **Current Schools**

There are 3 schools within the town and 3 more within a 5km range of the town. Five of the six schools are Catholic English speaking schools with a total enrolment of 998 or 65% of the total enrolment. There is one Church of Ireland school with approximately 76 pupils enrolled representing 7% of total enrolments in the town. The other school in the area is a Catholic gaelscoil with approximately 301 pupils or 28% of the total. Given that there were 8 pre-school preferences for Irish language education it would seem there is adequate accommodation for this type of education in the town.

#### **Survey Analysis**

Of the 148 preferences expressed for a particular language of instruction there was a preference in the area for English language education with 113 preferences for English and 35 for Irish. It would seem therefore that there is sufficient provision for the Irish language in Youghal given that there is currently a gaelscoil in the town taking in excess of one stream each year.

With regard to the issue of a wider choice of patronage in the area 78 of the 173 preferences stated that they would welcome a wider choice of patronage while 56 stated that they would avail of that choice. Of these 56 there were 20 pre-school children and 36 school-going children. Of these 36 there are 19 in junior infant to second class while the remainder are in the senior class group of third class to sixth



class. In total 36 of those who would avail of a change in patronage live within the town, 11 are from within 5km of the town boundary, 7 are from between 5km and 10km while the balance live further than 10km from the town boundary.

There were 41 first preferences for Educate Together, 5 for An Foras Pátrúnachta and 8 for the VEC which is also proposing an English speaking multi-denominational school. In total there were 51 preferences for Educate Together, 35 for the VEC and 29 for An Foras Pátrúnachta. Educate Together and the VEC are proposing an English language multi-denominational school and their first preferences combined total 49. There seems to be a cohort of parents locally who would avail of an English language multi-denominational school if it was available.

Of the 101 valid preferences who stated that they would not avail of the option of a new patron in the town 69 stated that they would like to see the current schools restructured as they would prefer co-educational education to single sex education. This question was only asked of those who said they would not avail of additional choice in the area if it was offered.

### **Analysis Conclusion**

Given the number of respondents who have stated they would avail of a further choice of patron it is not clear that there is a viable demand for change in the area.

There were expressions representing 32 school going children that stated they would avail of an English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. That level of support would provide sufficient pupils to immediately fill about 1 classroom. There were expressions of parental first preferences representing 17 pre-school children that stated they would avail of English medium multi-denominational school if that choice was available. The highest number of preferences for change was expressed for Educate Together at 51 total preferences (i.e. first and subsequent preferences) of which 33 are school going and 18 are pre-school children.

That level of potential pupil intake indicates a long term projected size of less than one quarter of a single stream school (comprising of 1 classroom) being required to accommodate such a level of demand.

Based on the evidence presented, there does not seem to be viable demand for new patron provision in this area at this time. It is recognised that this may change in the future at which time the position could be re-examined.

## Youghal – Analysis

<b>Question</b>	<b>Pre School Children</b>	<b>School Children</b>	<b>Total Preferences</b>
How many children -	47	126	173
I would prefer English -	30	83	113
I would prefer Irish -	8	27	35
I have no language preference -	8	16	24
I would prefer a wider choice -	29	49	78
I would avail of a wider choice -	20	36	56
I do not want a wider choice -	9	45	54
I would not avail of a wider choice -	22	79	101
I have no preference on a wider choice	8	32	40
I have no preference on availing of a wider choice if available	4	11	15
My first preference is An Foras	2	3	5
My first preference is ET	13	28	41
My first preference is VEC	4	4	8
My second preference is An Foras	4	6	10
My second preference is ET	4	4	8
My second preference is VEC	6	17	23
My third preference is An Foras	4	10	14
My third preference is ET	1	1	2
My third preference is VEC	0	4	4
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Cloyne	16	63	79
Current patron first preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	3	4	7
Current patron first preference CoI Bishop of Cork & Cloyne	0	5	5
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Cloyne	4	12	16
Current patron second preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	3	5	8
Current patron second preference CoI Bishop of Cork & Cloyne	0	6	6
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop of Cloyne	0	4	4
Current patron third preference Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	0	0	0
Current patron third preference CoI Bishop of Cork & Cloyne	4	5	9
I would like current schools reorganised -	9	60	69
Total Preferences ET	18	33	51
Total Preferences VEC	10	25	35
Total Preferences An Foras (Multid)	10	19	29
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Cloyne	20	75	95
Total Preferences Catholic Bishop of Waterford & Lismore	6	9	15
Total Preferences CoI Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross	0	11	11
<b>Location Analysis</b>			
<b>First Preference Educate Together</b>	Preschool	School	Total
Within Town	6	19	25
0 to 5 KM from town	2	7	9
6 to 10 KM from town	3	2	5
11 to 15 KM from town	2	0	2
16 to 20 KM from town	0	0	0
Over 20KM from town	0	0	0
	13	28	41
<b>Location of All Valid Preferences</b>			
In Town	27	70	97

0 to 5	10	48	58
6 to 10	7	7	14
11 to 15	2	0	2
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	1	1	2
<b>Location of Those who would avail of Change</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
In Town	11	25	36
0 to 5	2	9	11
6 to 10	5	2	7
11 to 15	2	0	2
16 to 20	0	0	0
Over 20	0	0	0

## Youghal – Schools

School	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Address	Distance*	2001 Enrol	2011 Enrol	Ethos	Gender	Patron
KYLE N S	Youghal	5km	37	42	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
CLONPRIEST N S	Youghal	5km	83	130	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
S N NAOMH PARTHALAN	Cionn Saile Beag	5km	57	52	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Waterford & Lismore
SOUTH ABBEY NS	Youghal	CSO	15	76	CHURCH OF IRELAND	All mixed	Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross COI
GAELSCOIL CHORAIN,	Sraid na Tra	CSO	260	301	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne
BUN SCOIL MUIRE	O'Briens Place	CSO	470	473	CATHOLIC	All mixed	Bishop of Cloyne

\* This refers to the schools distance from the town and CSO means that the school is within the town boundary.

## Appendix A – Sample of Paper Survey

Survey Ref No:



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## Ballina Parental Survey

**Parent/Guardian Details:**

The details supplied here will be used to confirm that you live in the area and have children in the relevant age groups. This is to ensure that only parents sending or about to send children to school in your area have a say as to what happens in your area. If you have children not yet in school and primary school children we are asking for your preferences for them separately as we want to report them as individual categories. Either Parent/Guardian may complete the survey. To allow us to confirm residence in the relevant area, the PPSN of the Parent/Guardian in receipt of child benefit payment must be provided. By supplying your details you agree to allow the Department of Education & Skills to validate your preference as outlined below. Further detailed information on the use of the information you supply is outlined in our data protection policy which is available at [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) .

**Q1. First Name Mother/Guardian**

**Q4. First Name Father/Guardian**

**Q2. Surname Mother/Guardian**

**Q5. Surname Father/Guardian**

**Q3. PPSN Mother/Guardian.**

**Q6. PPSN Father/Guardian.**

The PPSN will be used for the validation purposes described above only, and will not be distributed or used outside of this survey. The purpose of this survey is to establish the views of local parents with regard to additional school types in this area.

Therefore we will be validating the information given in this survey against demographic data held by the Department of Social Protection principally. Validation will primarily take place using the parent/guardian PPSN in receipt of child benefit payment for the children listed. If the detail in this return cannot be validated then the preferences may not be counted in our analysis. If you have any concerns please call our Freephone number 1800 303 621.

**Child(rens) Details:**

We require this information to verify that the child(ren) listed in this return will be in a position to go to school locally.

**Q7.** Please enter your child(rens) home address.


**Q8.** How many children do you have in total?   
 How many are: Not yet in school:  In Primary School:

Date(s) of Birth – (Required Format: DD/MM/YYYY)

Child 1: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Child 4: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Child 2: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Child 5: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Child 3: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Child 6: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q9.** What Primary school(s) is/are your child(ren) attending?  
 (Please insert an X in the relevant box)

	Child1	Child2	Child3	Child4	Child5	Child6
<b>Schools Within the Town Boundary</b>						
Cullen NS, Knockduff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St. Michaels NS, Church Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quignamanger NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SN Naomh Padraig B, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GS Bheal An Atha, Corraí Mhuireann	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoil Íosa, Convent Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Schools Within 2km of the Town Boundary</b>						
Beheymore NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breafy NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knockanillo NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SN Naomh Ioseph, Raithini	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Schools Within 5km of the Town Boundary</b>						
Cooneal NS, Cooneal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garracloon NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloghans NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corballa NS, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SN Tighearnain Naofa, Ballina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bofield Mixed NS, Attymass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: please specify below						

**Q10.** What Class Group(s) is/are your child(ren) attending:  
(Please insert an X in the relevant box)

	JI	SI	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Child 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 5:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 6:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Choice of Patron/School Type:** .

**Q11.** Please state the preferred language of instruction. (Please insert an X in the relevant box)

If you have Children not yet in school: English Irish  
 If you have Primary School Children: English Irish

**Q12.** Would you prefer to have a wider choice of patronage provision/school type in Ballina?(Please insert an X in the relevant box)

If you have Children not yet in school: Yes No No Preference  
 If you have Primary School Children: Yes No No Preference

**Q13.** If there was a wider range of school types in Ballina would you avail of one of the new school types for your child(ren)?(Please insert an X in the relevant box)

If you have Children not yet in school: Yes No No Preference  
 If you have Primary School Children: Yes No No Preference

***Only applies if you answered Yes to Q13.***

**Q14.** Prospective Patrons have expressed an interest in providing alternative provision in the Ballina area. Please select below in order of preference the patron body of your choice: (e.g. 1, 2, 3 etc)

If you have Children not yet in school:  
 An Foras Pátrúnachta (Multidenominational)  
 Educate Together  
 Mayo VEC  
 Other: please specify below

If you have Primary-School Children:

An Foras Pátrúnachta (Multidenominational)



- Educate Together
- Mayo VEC
- Other: please specify below

***Only applies if you answered No to Q13.***

**Q15.** If you do not want additional patrons, of the current Patrons please select your preferred patron by order of preference: (e.g. 1, 2, 3 etc)

If you have Children not yet in school:

- The Catholic Bishop of Killala
- The Catholic Bishop of Achonry
- The Church of Ireland Bishop of Tuam, Killala & Achonry
- An Foras Pátrúnachta - Catholic

If you have Primary School Children:

- The Catholic Bishop of Killala
- The Catholic Bishop of Achonry
- The Church of Ireland Bishop of Tuam, Killala & Achonry
- An Foras Pátrúnachta - Catholic

***Only applies if you answered No to Q13.***

**Q16.** If the current schools were reorganised, would you send your child to a coeducational (mixed) school, in preference to a single sex school?

(Please insert an X in the relevant box)

- |   |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| If you have Children not yet in school: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If you have Primary School Children:    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

**Travel Distance:**

**Q17.** How far does your child(ren) currently travel to school? (approx km)

**Q18.** What is the greatest distance you are willing to allow your child(ren) to travel to school? (approx km)

**Declaration:**

I hereby state that the details I have provided are accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing this survey.**

## Appendix B – Demographic Statistics

Area	Enrolment		Child Benefit				2011 Census		
	2001	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	0 - 12	1 - 5	8 - 12
Ballina	1,493	1,954	235	202	210	248	1,996	839	671
Ballinasloe	1,125	1,120	106	106	128	103	1,231	512	435
Bandon	1,264	1,392	110	113	124	124	923	387	303
Birr	845	918	80	85	94	89	965	363	364
Buncrana	1,050	1,281	131	100	115	118	992	397	368
Carrick-on-Suir	1,148	1,338	81	76	83	68	1,068	411	412
Carrigaline	2,187	3,078	312	277	283	291	3,100	1,225	1,182
Celbridge	2,116	2,462	376	348	357	350	3,919	1,596	1,387
Clonmel	2,670	2,762	242	275	299	255	2,642	1,083	930
Cobh	1,379	1,691	221	209	226	222	2,481	1,019	859
Dublin 6	2,079	2,253	159	161	172	195	1,697	753	514
Dungarvan	1,624	1,792	150	161	141	138	1,454	592	544
Edenderry	926	1,598	135	149	149	153	1,480	633	493
Enniscorthy	1,653	1,907	171	162	174	160	1,378	565	487
Fermoy	774	1,300	91	102	112	112	798	323	279
Kells	1,111	1,370	109	124	116	127	900	367	310
Killarney	1,937	2,483	213	210	207	198	1,972	849	652
Leixlip	1,940	1,925	239	246	241	217	2,873	1,164	1,034
Longford	1,323	1,828	194	185	160	191	1,827	771	645
Loughrea	832	1,060	87	103	97	109	912	418	299
Malahide	2,000	2,099	245	229	231	215	2,536	1,013	946
Monaghan	1,373	1,643	107	94	99	135	923	350	329
Nenagh	1,402	1,720	146	159	160	162	1,440	610	490
New Ross	1,247	1,572	151	143	126	145	1,076	462	442
Palmerstown	3,421	3,122	500	456	485	510	5,363	2,110	2,057
Passage West	468	824	115	111	108	111	1,058	453	350
Portmarnock	907	864	125	120	149	122	1,098	523	338
Roscommon	847	1,194	95	87	117	99	792	326	287
Roscrea	857	987	90	103	87	101	827	332	290
Rush	941	1,350	187	175	170	186	1,673	671	582
Shannon	1,368	1,684	132	166	166	137	1,854	711	712
Skerries	1,211	1,471	173	175	159	132	1,970	821	720
Thurles	1,379	1,451	116	121	121	123	1,238	490	428
Tipperary	1,010	983	66	72	62	80	760	304	275
Tuam	1,104	1,452	125	180	174	178	1,255	550	375
Westport	772	1,493	73	88	91	95	874	333	328
Wicklow	1,734	2,080	167	173	172	149	1,559	616	577
Youghal	922	1,074	105	117	122	116	1,257	511	461