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Patronage Assessment Report

School: Dublin6_Clonskeagh & Dublin_6W
(Regional Solution)

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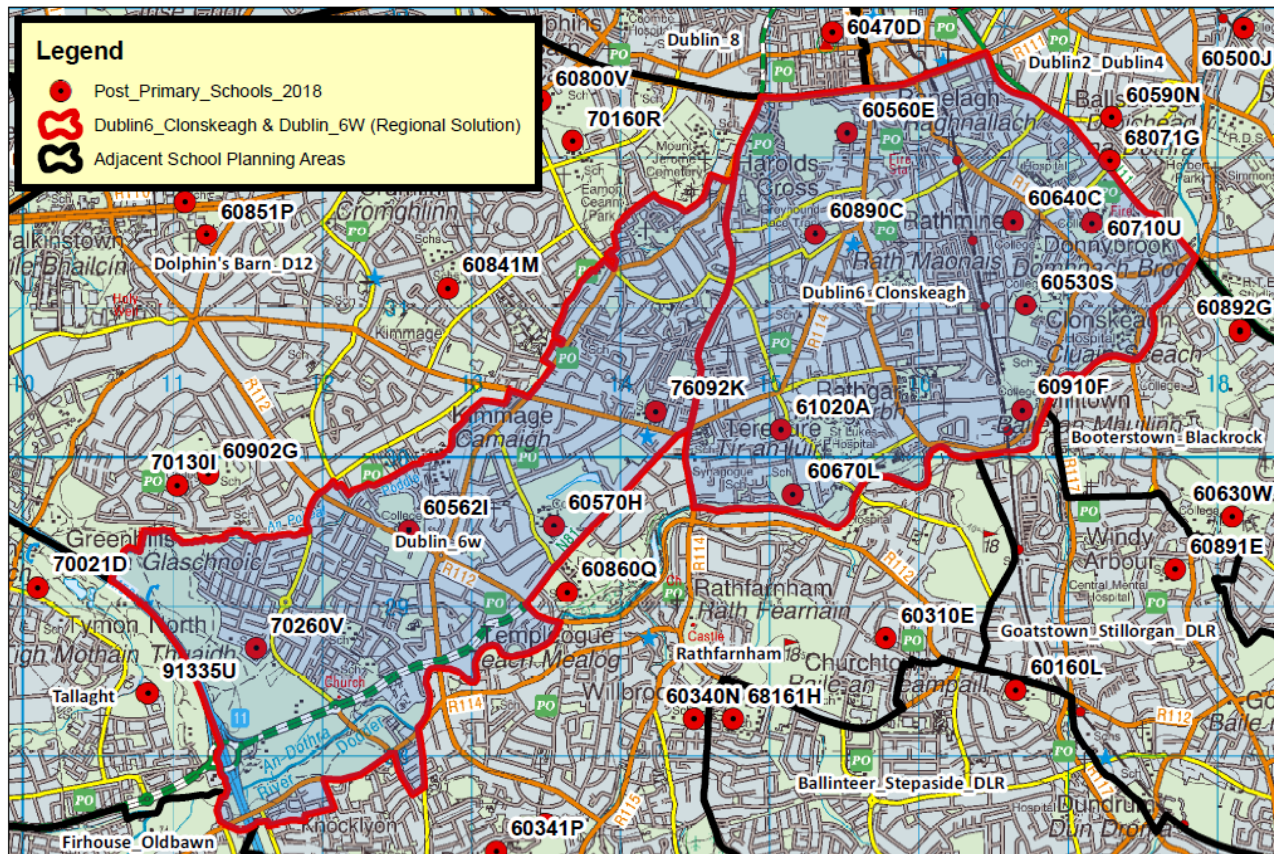
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1. School Planning Area Map

Dublin6_Clonskeagh & Dublin_6W (Regional Solution)







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2. Applications Received

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

Applicant Patrons	Profile of Applicant	School type proposed		Number of Post-primary schools
	<p>An Foras Pátrúnachta is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is the patron of a number of Irish-medium primary and post-primary schools throughout the country.</p>	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	5
		Model:	Voluntary Secondary School	
		Language of Instruction proposed:	Irish	
		Also willing to offer:	n/a	
	<p>City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETB) is a statutory authority which has responsibility for managing and operating a range of education services including second-level schools and is patron of a number of primary and post-primary schools.</p>	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	11
		Model:	Community College	
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer:	Irish	
	<p>Educate Together is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and the patron or representative organisation of a number of primary schools and post-primary schools throughout the country.</p>	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	17
		Model:	Voluntary Secondary School	
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer:	Irish	
	<p>Scoil Sínead Ltd is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is a new patron body for one primary school and a trustee partner in the management of one post-primary school.</p>	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	1
		Model:	Voluntary Secondary School	
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer:	Irish	

3. Demographic details

The decision to announce a new school in these school planning areas was on the basis of the demographic exercise carried out in 2018 as set out below.

- **Dublin6 Clonskeagh:** There are two public post-primary schools and six private post-primary schools in this school planning area. The 2017 enrolment across the two public schools in addition to the average number of pupils enrolled in the private schools from primary schools within the school planning area was 2,149.

The estimated peak year is 2025 with projected enrolments of 2,667. Enrolments are projected to decrease to 2,567 by 2029, a reduction of 100 over the projected peak year. Assuming a continuation of the two year average intake pattern¹ of 95%, it is estimated that there will be a need for an additional 518 places between 2017 and 2025 (peak year) with a subsequent projected reduction of 100 by 2029. The actual intake pattern for 2018/19 was 97%.

The demographic exercises for this school planning area identified the following net requirement taking into account demographic demand, additional places required as a result of significant additional residential development (including any development arising from the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund- LIHAF) and the current and planned capacity increases in existing post-primary schools in the area:



- **Dublin 6W:** The 2017 enrolment across the 4 post-primary schools in this school planning area was 2,024. The estimated peak year is 2024 with projected enrolments of 2,369. Demographic analysis shows that the average intake pattern over the last two years is 100%. Enrolments are projected to decrease to 1,802 by 2029, a reduction of 567 on the projected peak year. Based on the demographic projection, it is estimated that there will be a need for an additional 345 places between 2017 and 2024 (peak year) with a subsequent projected reduction of 567 by 2029. The actual intake pattern for 2018/19 was 105%.

The demographic exercises for this school planning area identified the following net requirement taking into account demographic demand, additional places required as a result of significant additional residential development (including any development arising from the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund- LIHAF) and the current and planned capacity increases in existing post-primary schools in the area:

¹ **Average Actual Intake Pattern:** if all children resident or attending primary school in the relevant school planning area attended post-primary school in that school planning area, the intake pattern would be 100%. If the intake pattern is less than 100%, it would suggest that some children are travelling to school outside the school planning area. If the intake pattern is greater than 100%, it would suggest that a number of children are travelling into schools in the school planning area from other school planning areas. The average intake pattern over a number of years allows the Department to project the likely demand over the coming years assuming a continuation of the same pattern.



Following a demographic exercise on these areas, the Department was satisfied that the net requirement of 549 post-primary places in the Dublin6_Clonskeagh school planning area and the net requirement of 236 post-primary places in the Dublin_6W school planning area could not be accommodated in existing schools or through expansion of existing schools. Therefore a regional solution² to serve Dublin6_Clonskeagh and Dublin_6W School Planning Areas of 1 x 1000 pupil school to open by 2020 was announced.

4. Assessment of Applications

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

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

- Arrangements for the Establishment and Patronage of New Post- Primary Schools due to open in September 2020; and
- General Information for Prospective Patrons.

The Patron Code of Conduct is also attached to the main report and issued to all valid applicant patrons following receipt of patron application forms.

² **Regional Solution:** In some instances, while projected growth in a single school planning area may not, of itself, warrant provision of a new school, where the combined demographic increases across a number of adjacent school planning areas indicate sufficient demand for a viable school, a regional solution may be put in place to serve these areas.

4.1.1 Patronage

4.1.1 Existing Post-Primary Provision

Dublin6_Clonskeagh

Roll No	School Name	School Planning Area	Patron	Ethos	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2018/19
60710U	Muckross College	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	701
60560E	St. Mary's College	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Des Places Educational Association Company limited	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	434
60890C	St. Louis High School	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	632
60640C	Sandford Park School Ltd	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Board of Governors of Sandford Park School	Inter-D	English	Mixed	Y	372
60530S	Gonzaga College	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	552
60910F	Alexandra College	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Council of Alexandra College	Church of Ireland	English	Girls	Y	548
61020A	Stratford College	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Dublin Talmud Torah	Jewish	English	Mixed	Y	154
60670L	The High School	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Board of Governors of The High School	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	Y	717

Dublin_6W

Roll No	School Name	School Planning Area	Patron	Ethos	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2018/19
76092K	Presentation Community College	Dublin_6W	CDETB	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	327
60570H	Terenure College	Dublin_6W	Carmelite Order (Irish Province)	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	695
60562I	Templeogue College	Dublin_6W	Des Places Educational Association Company Limited	Catholic	English	Boys	N	681
70260V	St. Mac Dara's Community College	Dublin_6W	DDLETB	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	862

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

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

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

Adjoining School Planning Areas

There are eight school planning areas adjoining the Dublin6_Clonskeagh and Dublin_6W school planning areas, with 46 post-primary schools as set out in the table below:

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2018/19
60041D	Coláiste Eoin	BoosterstownBlackrock	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	Irish	Boys	N	501
60030V	Blackrock College	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Des Places Educational Association	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	1,018
60042F	Choláiste Iosagáin	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	CEIST	Catholic	Irish	Girls	N	484
60070K	Dominican College	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	444
60040B	Willow Park School	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Des Places Educational Association	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	203
60650F	St. Andrew's College	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Board of Governors of St. Andrew's College	Presbyterian	English	Mixed	Y	988
60892G	The Teresian School	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Teresian Association Ireland	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	181
60630W	St Kilians Deutsche Schule	Boosterstown_ Blackrock	Der Deutsche Schulverein Company Ltd.	Inter-D	English	Mixed	Y	392
60361V	St Raphaela's Secondary School	Goatstown Stillorgan DLR	Handmaids of the Sacred Heart	Catholic	English	Girls	N	563
60261R	St Benildus College	Goatstown Stillorgan DLR	Le Chéile Schools Trust Ltd	Catholic	English	Boys	N	783
60140F	Mount Anville Secondary School	Goatstown Stillorgan DLR	Mount Anvil Sacred Heart Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	677

60891E	Jesus and Mary College	Goatstown Stillorgan DLR	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	309
60310E	Da La Salle College	Rathfarnham	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	348
60340N	Loreto High School	Rathfarnham	Loreto Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	652
60320H	St. Columba's College	Rathfarnham	Body of Fellows of St. Columba's College	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	Y	325
60342R	Coláiste Éanna	Rathfarnham	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	621
91510M	St. Colmille's Community School	Rathfarnham	DDLETB & Carmelite Order (Irish Province)	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	721
60321J	Rockbrook Park School	Rathfarnham	Fam Ed Company Ltd	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	169
60341P	Sancta Maria College	Rathfarnham	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	514
60860Q	Our Lady's School	Rathfarnham	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	768
91336W	Old Bawn Community School	Firhouse Oldbawn	DDLETB & Dominican Fathers Dominican Sisters	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	912
70140L	Firhouse Community College	Firhouse Oldbawn	DDLETB	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	782
91337B	Killinarden Community School	Firhouse Oldbawn	DDLETB Archbishop of Dublin Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	477
70141N	Mount Seskin	Tallaght	DDLETB Archbishop of Dublin	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	328
70021D	Coláiste de hÍde	Tallaght	DDLETB	Multi-D	Irish	Mixed	N	289
91332O	St. Mark's Community School	Tallaght	DDLETB Archbishop of Dublin Religious Sisters of Mercy	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	824

91335U	Tallaght Community School	Tallaght	DDLETB Marist Brothers Holy Faith Sisters	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	789
91338D	St. Aidan's Community School	Tallaght	DDLETB Archbishop of Dublin/Loreto Sisters (Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	455
76293U	Kingswood Community College	Tallaght	DDLETB	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	338
70130I	Greenhills College	Dolphin's Barn_D12	DDLETB	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	165
60800V	Loreto College	Dolphin's Barn_D12	Loreto Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	405
60902G	St. Paul's Secondary School	Dolphin's Barn_D12	Le Chéile Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	N	450
60991I	Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School	Dolphin's Barn_D12	CEIST	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	354
60480G	Meanscoil Iognáid Rís	Dolphin's Barn_D12	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	579
60851P	Assumption Secondary School	Dolphin's Barn_D12	Religious Sisters of Charity	Catholic	English	Girls	N	258
60841M	Rosary College	Dolphin's Barn_D12	Religious Sisters of Charity	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	183
70160R	St. Kevin's College	Dolphin's Barn_D12	CDET B	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	186
60410I	C.B.S James Street	Dublin_8	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	145
60470D	Christian Brothers, Synge St.	Dublin_8	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	274
60792C	Presentation College	Dublin_8	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	187
60660I	St. Patrick's Cathedral G.S.	Dublin_8	Board of Governors of St Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School	Church of Ireland	English	Mixed	N	198

60872A	Mercy Secondary School	Dublin_8	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	157
60820E	Loreto College	Dublin2 Dublin4	Loreto Education Trust	Catholic	English	Girls	Y	563
60490J	C.B.S. Westland Row	Dublin2 Dublin4	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	136
70200D	Rinsend College	Dublin2 Dublin4	CDETБ	Multi_D	English	Mixed	N	166
60500J	Marian College	Dublin2 Dublin4	Marist Brothers (Province of West Central Europe)	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	355

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

4.1.2 Parental Preferences

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

Applicant Patron	Valid First Preferences
An Foras Pátrúnachta	167
City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETБ)	60
Educate Together	291
Scoil Sinéad	7
Total Valid First Preferences	525

4.2 Language

4.2.1 Existing Provision

(i) Gaelscoileanna (Primary Level)

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

A) Within the school planning area

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos	Enrolment 2018/2019		Approx. distance from nearest existing gaelcholáiste	Approx. distance from future location of the new school
					TOTAL	6th		
199071	Scoil Mologa	Dublin 6W	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	228	28	2.8km to 68161H Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh in Ballinteer SPA	1 km
18817C	SN Brighde	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	439	51	3.6km to 68161H Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh in Ballinteer SPA	1.34 km
20048Q	Gaelscoil Lios na nÓg	Dublin6_Clonskeagh	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Catholic	236	31	3.6km to 68161H Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh in Ballinteer SPA	1.34 km

B) In adjoining school planning areas

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Enrolment 2018/2019		Approx. distance from nearest existing gaelcholáiste	Approx. distance from future location of the new school
					TOTAL	6th		
19589U	Gaelscoil Inse Chór	Dublin 8	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	238	26	2.5km to 60450U Coláiste Mhuire in Cabra_Phibsboro_D7 SPA	3.4 km
19646G	Scoil Santain	Firhouse_Oldbawn	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	336	45	1.9km to 70021D Coláiste De Híde in Tallaght SPA	6.6 km
19872P	Scoil Chaitlín Maude	Firhouse_Oldbawn	Archbishop of Dublin	Catholic	333	34	2.1km to 70021D Coláiste De Híde in Tallaght SPA	9.6 km
20412L	Scoil na Giúise	Firhouse_Oldbawn	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Multi-D	130	0	2.9km to 70021D Coláiste De Híde in Tallaght SPA	6.8 km
20043G	Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna	Rathfarnham	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Catholic	235	29	2.4km to 70021D Coláiste De Híde in Tallaght SPA	5.6 km

*Ethos : Multi-D = Multi-denominational, Inter-D = Interdenominational

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

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

A) Within the school planning area

There are no Gaelcholáistí/Irish-medium Aonaid within the school planning areas.

B) In adjoining school planning areas

There are four Gaelcholáistí within the adjoining school planning areas as follows:

Roll No	School Name	School Type	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Enrolment 2018/2019	Approx. distance from future location of the new school
60041D	Coláiste Eoin	All Irish	Boosterstown – Blackrock	ERST	Catholic	501	5.3 km
60042F	Coláiste Íosagáin	All Irish	Boosterstown – Blackrock	CEIST	Catholic	484	5.4 km
68161H	Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh	All Irish	Ballinteer – Stepside – DLR	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Multi-D	206	3.54 km
70021D	Coláiste De Híde	All Irish	Tallaght	Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB	Multi-D	356	5.34 km

**Ethos : Multi-D = Multi-denominational, Inter-D = Interdenominational*

Attached at Appendix A to this report is a map of the school planning areas and surrounding areas, including the locations of the above Irish-medium schools for information. Harold's Cross is the mid-point of the map given the proposed location of the new school.

4.2.2 Parental Preferences

Breakdown of valid first preferences by language preference

Language Preference	An Foras Pátrúnachta	City of Dublin Education and Training Board	Educate Together	Scoil Sinéad	Total Preferences
English	4	55	261	5	325
Irish	156	2	12	2	172
No Preference	7	3	18	0	28
Total first preferences	167	60	291	7	525

The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction is significant (172 or 32.76% of first preferences) compared with 325 (61.90%) of preferences for English-medium while 28 (or 5.33%) of parents did not specify a preference in relation to language. The number of preferences for Irish indicate that the establishment of an Aonad should be considered.

The three gaelscoileanna in the Dublin6_Clonskeagh and Dublin_6W school planning areas are located up to 1.3km from the future location of the new school at Harold's Cross and are located nearer to the future location of the new school than to an existing Gaelcholáiste. These gaelscoileanna had a combined enrolment of 110 6th classpupils in 2018/19.

In the three cases, the nearest Gaelcholáiste is Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh in the Ballinteer school planning area. Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh was established in 2014 with a long term projected enrolment of 500 pupils. Its enrolment in 2018/19 was 206. It is operating from interim accommodation at its permanent location, pending delivery of the major building project to refurbish the existing buildings on the property. Additional interim accommodation was approved in early 2019. Examining the average intake from the three schools to Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh over the period 2015 to 2017, 25% (some 41 of 164 pupils) of first year pupils came from these three schools. Accordingly the establishment of an Aonad could have a significant impact on enrolment numbers in the Gaelcholáiste and its ability to fully utilise the planned long-term capacity increase.

Examining transfer rates to the other three Gaelcholáistí located in adjoining school planning areas, Coláiste Eoin's intake comes primarily from five schools, one of which (GS Lios na nÓg) is located within the school planning area this new post-primary school is being set up to serve. Coláiste Íosagáin's intake comes primarily from four schools and Coláiste de hÍde's full intake in 2017 came from two schools which are located in the school planning areas adjoining that of the new post-primary school. Little or no impact on enrolments in these schools would be expected if an Aonad is established in the new school.

There were 134 pupils in sixth class in total in the five gaelscoileanna located in the adjoining school planning areas in 2018/19. All of these gaelscoileanna are located closer to an existing Gaelcholáiste than they are to the future location of the new school.

An Foras Pátrúnachta is the only applicant patron to propose an Irish-medium school while all of the other applicant patrons proposed English-medium but indicated their willingness to offer an Irish-medium school if demand exists for same. All applicants have confirmed they are willing to open an Aonad should the demand require it.

5. Conclusions

- All patrons have confirmed that they will satisfy the requirements as set out by the Department for the patronage of new schools.
- All the models would increase diversity in the area by providing multi-denominational provision in the area.
- Educate Together received the highest number of valid first preference votes i.e. 291.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 172 of 525 valid first preferences (32.76%) compared with 325 of 525 valid first preferences (61.90%) for English-medium instruction. Considering the transfer rates from the primary schools to the four existing Gaelcholáiste in adjoining school planning areas, and that Gaelcholáiste an Phiarsaigh will be expanding from its 2018 enrolment of 206 to its long-term projected enrolment of 500 pupils, it is likely that the establishment of an Aonad may have an impact on this existing Irish-medium provision. In the circumstances, balancing the significant demand as part of the OPPS for Irish-medium provision, the existing Irish-medium provision in the area and the potential detrimental impact on such provision, it is considered that an Aonad should not be established immediately but this option should be kept under review.
- Based on the results of the parental preferences and broader analysis, including the extent of diversity currently available in this and the adjoining school planning areas, the analysis indicates that the patronage of the new post-primary school for Dublin6_Clonskeagh and Dublin_6W school planning area should be awarded to Educate Together to provide a multi-denominational Voluntary Secondary School with English as the language of instruction (see above recommendation in relation to consideration of an Aonad).

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APPENDIX A

Dublin6_Clonskeagh & Dublin_6W (Regional Solution)

