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CLASSROOM REPORT

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OVERVIEW

In this classroom report we take a look at a selection of major school schemes around the country and a breakdown of the volume of projects and classrooms which have been applied for and granted planning in 2019 and projects which commenced construction this year.

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Project Ireland 2040 provides for a €11.9 billion investment in the education and training sector over the period 2018 to 2027. The 2020 capital allocation for the Education Department is €922m which represents a €19m (2%) cut in capital budget which is the first school buildings funding cut in seven years.

Acknowledging this year's cut, Minister for Education Joe McHugh said that an "understanding" had been reached with the Department of Public Expenditure to shift funding from capital to current spending in order to protect "frontline services".

Last year's Budget saw capital funding for education increased by 26%, the year before that by 7%, and by 16% the year before that again.

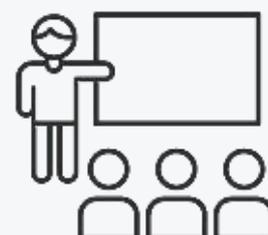
The Minister said this year's reduction would not in any way affect school building plans for next year. He said his department still intends to create 30,000 student places, and that new buildings would continue to come on stream. The department says that €670m of the overall capital allocation will be spent on school buildings next year, compared to €672m last year.

Investing in schools

The schools 2020 allocation will support circa 60 new projects going to construction in 2020 ranging in value from €1m to projects with a value in excess of €20m delivering in excess of 30,000 school places (permanent additional and replacement places). This is in addition to in excess of 40 existing projects ranging in value from €1m to projects with a value in excess of €20m which are currently in construction and being progressed through 2020 delivering up to 25,000 school places (permanent additional and replacement places).

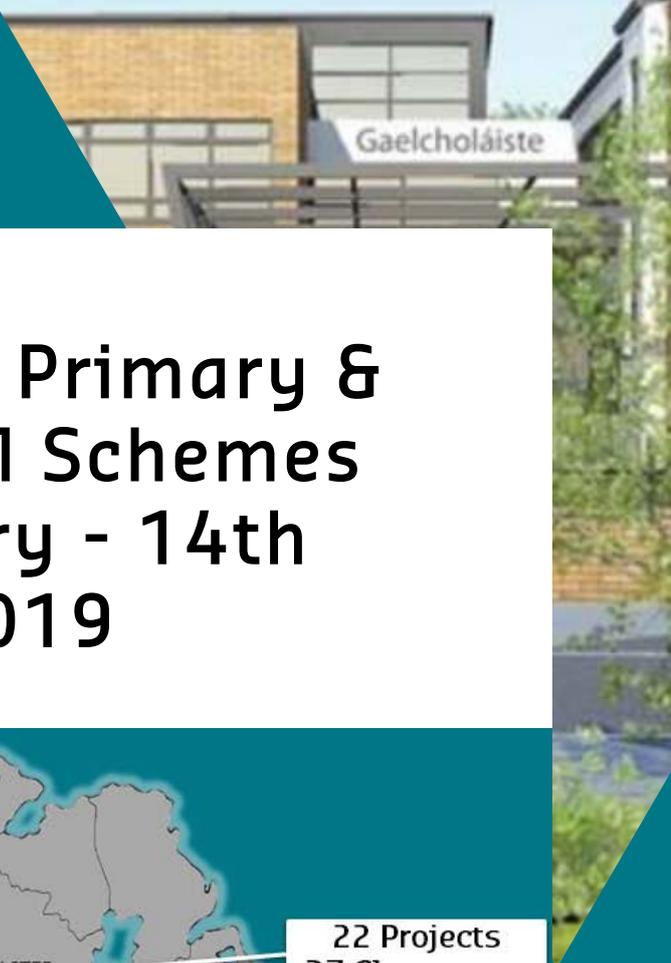
The capital allocation will also facilitate the delivery of smaller scale projects, acquisition of sites under the site acquisition programme and works necessary for those schools included in the School Remediation Programme.

Plans Submitted for Primary & Secondary School Schemes from 1st January - 14th October 2019



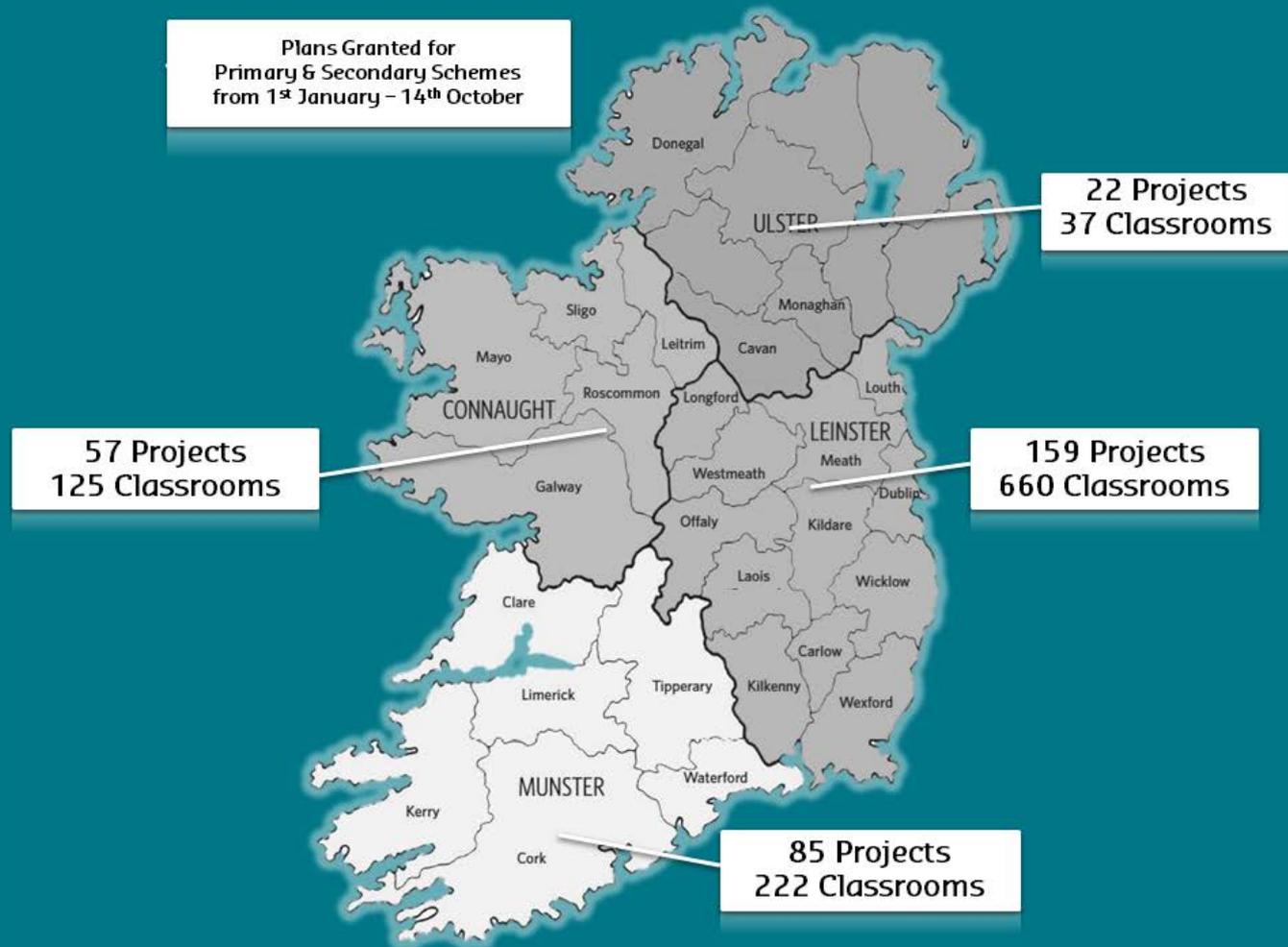
<i>Region</i>	<i>Projects</i>	<i>Classrooms</i>
Leinster	151	518
Munster	111	447
Connaught	56	108
Ulster (ROI)	20	47

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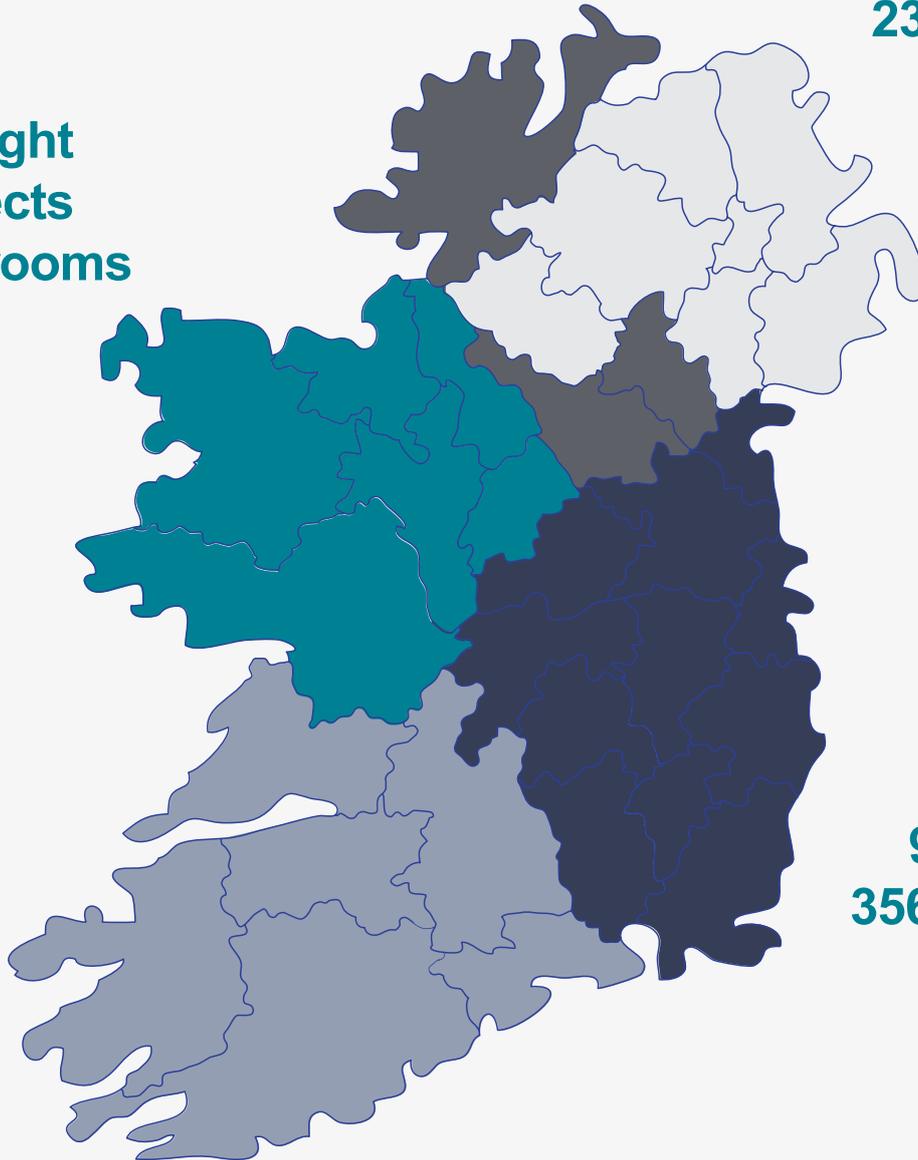


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**On Sites for Primary &
Secondary School Schemes
from 1st January - 14th October
2019**

**Ulster(ROI)
17 Projects
23 Classrooms**

**Connaught
27 Projects
119 Classrooms**



**Leinster
92 Projects
356 Classrooms**

**Munster
71 Projects
281 Classrooms**

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Analysis

Investment in the education pipeline in the Republic of Ireland continues to be evident with the following comparisons made between the period of Jan-Oct 2018 and Jan- Oct 2019. The following projects comprise the creation of much needed new classrooms and the extension and refurbishment to existing primary and secondary school facilities across the country.

In Leinster there has been a 15% increase in the volume of projects being submitted for planning. In Munster there has been a 22% increase in the volume of projects being submitted for planning.

In Connaught there has been a 40% increase in the volume of projects being submitted for planning. In Ulster (ROI) there has been a 14% decrease in the volume of projects being submitted for planning.

In the same time period the Leinster region has seen a 30% increase in the volume of projects which received planning approval from Jan – Oct 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. In Munster there has been a 9% increase in the volume of projects which received planning approval. In Connaught there has been an 32% increase in the volume of projects which received planning approval. However in Ulster (ROI) there has been an 10% decrease in the volume of projects which received planning approval.

Activity on the ground however has seen a minor drop off in the volume of projects and classrooms under construction between the same periods in 2018 and 2019.

In Leinster there has been a 22% decrease in projects commencing on site in the period in 2019 compared to 2018. In Munster there has also been a 22% decrease in projects commencing on site. In the Connaught region there has been a 35% decrease in projects commencing on site in 2019 compared to 2018. In Ulster (ROI) there has been an 32% decrease in projects commencing on site in 2019 compared to 2018.

The volume of classrooms under construction for the Jan – Oct period in 2018 represented a total of 859 classrooms versus 779 classrooms for the time period in 2019.

This year Construction Information Services (CIS) has observed a slight slow down in projects progressing to a pre tender or pre construction stage due to the awaiting of funding approval from the Government. CIS has also observed a rise in the use of vacant buildings as temporary accommodation as these schools wait for departmental approval for their projects to proceed.

With regards to minor refurbishment works in the sector, in 2019 CIS captured a total of 138 tenders which were advertised as part of the Schools Summer Works Initiative, covering minor refurbishment and upgrade works at schools around the country.

PROJECTS

€13.9m School Development, Dunboyne Junior & Senior National School, Station Road, Dunboyne Co. Meath. Project ID: 860767



Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably qualified Main Contractors who wish to be considered for the Dunboyne Junior + Senior NS project.

The development consists of the refurbishment and extension to the existing Dunboyne Junior Primary School Building and the construction of the new Senior School Building.

It also involves the removal of existing prefabricated structures, new road/ footpath and car park arrangement, landscaping and all associated works. This is a phased development as this is a live site. The day to day operation of the school must be maintained at all times by the appointed Main Contractor.

24 Classrooms

PROJECTS



€7m

**School Extension and Refurbishment,
St Clares School, Co. Cavan.**

Pre-Qualification Questionnaires have been advertised by St.Clare's Primary School (Cavan) for the partial demolition and refurbishment of existing single-storey primary school building and a 10 Classroom two-storey extension.

Extensive site works including new vehicle/ pedestrian entrance/exits, boundary treatments, playing fields and ballcourts.

The school will remain a live site during construction and the works are proposed to be phased accordingly and will also include the provision of temporary classroom accommodation.

Project ID: 902640

20 Classrooms



€10m

**Primary School Development,
Grangegorman Campus, Dublin 7**

Tenders have recently been issued to the pre-selected list of main contractors for the development of a 24 Classroom D7 Educate Together School.

The Works consist of construction of a Primary School which has 24 classrooms in 2 buildings (a Teaching Block and a General-Purpose Block) with a total gross internal floor area of circa 5,100m². Supporting ancillary facilities, amenities and infrastructure include multiple play areas, a boiler house, access ways, gates, and modifications to the boundary wall (a protected structure)

Project ID: 993701

24 Classrooms

PROJECTS



€6m

School Buildings at Setanta Special School, Beechpark, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

Pre-Qualification Questionnaires have been re-advertised for €6m School Buildings at Setanta Special School, Beechpark, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

The development will consist of the demolition of 2 existing school buildings (1 single storey, 1 two storey) and 3 existing prefabricated structures (single storey), and the construction of 2 new 10 classroom school buildings, (1 three storey including a clinic and 1 two storey).

Each school building will accommodate 10 general classrooms, activity rooms, offices/administration accommodation, toilet facilities and a general purpose/assembly hall, playgrounds, sensory gardens and associated site works to include a new 32 space car park, new front gates/railings and new signage.

Project ID: 1052284

20 Classrooms



€4m

School Development at Kanturk National School, Kanturk, Mill Road, Co. Cork.

Tenders are expected to be issued to the pre-selected list of main contractors in Q4 2019 on the construction of a new two-storey primary school.

The school will have a total internal floor area of 3253sqm on a green field site, consisting of 16 classrooms, a general purpose hall, library, support accommodation, a 3 classroom special needs unit/ASD unit and all ancillary works.

This includes for the provision of 37 on-site car parking spaces and 3 no. disabled parking spaces, vehicular access roads, set down area, pedestrian access pathways, ball courts, play areas, bin store, bicycle shelters, oil storage tank, new connection to existing foul drainage system, surface water drainage system with storm water attenuation connected to existing surface water network at entrance to Market Place.

Project ID: 814130

19 Classrooms

PROJECTS



€15.4m

School Extension at Saint Andrew's College, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

On the 1st of October 2019 An Bord Pleanála upheld Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's decision to grant planning permission to St. Andrews College Dublin Limited.

Works include: 1) the extension and renovation of the existing senior school, a protected structure, comprising of the removal of existing prefabricated structures, the demolition of a 2-storey extension to original school, the removal of existing semi-basement changing rooms and external stairs (part of protected structure), the construction of a new 2-to-4-storey-over-basement teaching block including the reconstruction of the boundary wall, modifications to school entrance along Rosemount Terrace, and associated landscape works.

(An Bord Pleanála ref: 304099)

Project ID: 994134

59 Classrooms



€6.7m

School Development at Rush & Lusk Educate Together National School Co. Dublin

A main contractor is expected to be appointed in October/November 2019 on the construction of a New Primary School with Special Needs Unit at Rush & Lusk Educate Together National School.

The project will be a 3287 sq.m. sixteen classroom, three storey, primary school building including a two classroom special needs unit along with all associated siteworks.

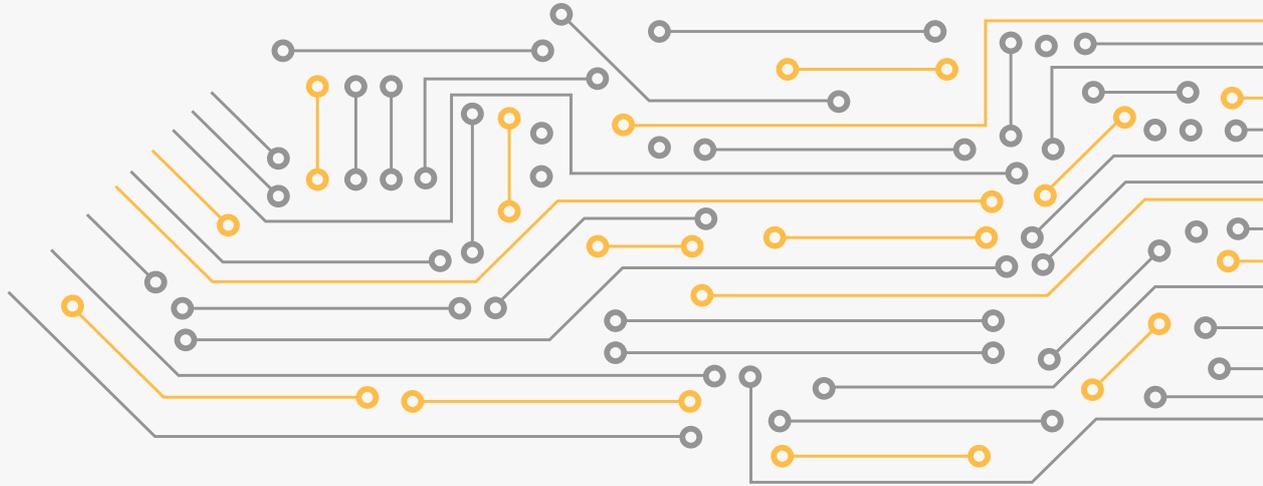
Proposed site development works consisting of a new internal circulation road to include parent set-down and collection area, relocation of existing Rush & Lusk ETNS on site staff parking, provision of 4 no. additional car parking spaces, relocation and amalgamation of Lusk C.C. Parking.

The proposal also includes the demolition of the existing temporary school building.

Project ID: 903283

16 Classrooms

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