

Public Notice

Clintyclay PS

The SELB have published a CCMS authored Development Proposal to close Clintyclay Primary School. The school has also featured heavily in the media over the last few weeks as it is the first Catholic Maintained School to request Transformation to Integrated Status. This notice will provide you with some basic facts regarding both the CCMS proposed closure and the parent led proposal to change the school to an integrated school.

The Proposal for Closure

- The proposal to close Clintyclay is CCMS's proposal, it is not the SELB's proposal and it is not DENI's proposal.
- Clintyclay PS is financially viable operating within budget – SELB.
- Clintyclay PS provides a quality educational experience - stated by CCMS at school consultation in November 2013 and evidenced by ETI.
- Clintyclay PS has a small number of pupils – this is the reason for the proposed closure.
- However the Minister for Education has said schools will not close due to small numbers alone. Small numbers at a school can lead to financial or educational issues but this is not the case at Clintyclay PS.
- Clintyclay has always been a small rural school, it has always been financially viable and most importantly it has always provided its pupils with a quality educational experience.
- Clintyclay PS is a sustainable school. It has been for over 120 years – and it will be in the future.

The Proposal for Transformation

- A development proposal will be published recommending the Transformation of Clintyclay PS to Integrated Status.
- This proposal is led by the people who care most for the pupils of Clintyclay PS - their parents.
- It is not an attempt to 'save' the school. As stated above Clintyclay PS is sustainable in its current form.
- The events of the last 12 months and countless meetings created an opportunity for all involved in the school to reflect on how best to meet the educational needs of everyone living within the catchment area of Clintyclay PS. Numerous ideas were put forward, with Transformation to Integrated status gaining approval of parents.
- The nearby Controlled primary schools are at full capacity.
- The Integrated primary school in Dungannon is at full capacity.
- The transformation of Clintyclay PS makes common sense.

If you would like to help, please:

- Oppose the closure of Clintyclay PS.
- Support the Transformation.

Further information can be found at www.clonmore.net