



NORTHERN IRELAND

Commission for Catholic Education

Post Primary Review

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the **Update**, which has been created to provide you with information on the Post-primary Review projects in the Catholic education sector in Northern Ireland.

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WHY IS A POST-PRIMARY REVIEW NEEDED?

Post-primary schools in Northern Ireland are facing a number of significant challenges which will require a fundamental review of current provision for all pupils.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACING POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS?

The key challenges facing post-primary schools are:

- significant curriculum changes;
- the requirement to increase access to a wider choice of subjects for all pupils;
- demographic trends indicating a downturn in pupil numbers; and
- the promotion of reconciliation and mutual understanding across all sectors.

WHAT IS THE WAY FORWARD?

The Northern Ireland Commission for Catholic Education, which represents the senior trustees of all Catholic managed schools, is managing the changes to post-primary education by means of local projects. Each project will be managed by a diocesan programme board and local project boards.

ARE ALL POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT?

This project will involve all Catholic post-primary schools working closely together over the next year to review current provision and to discuss options for the future. The primary sector will also play a significant role in this process. The Trustees, both religious and diocesan are the owners of the Catholic managed schools and hold the ownership of the schools in trust for current and future generations. They believe this approach, based on schools working together, will allow schools to prepare for the significant changes ahead. This structured and planned approach will bring the maximum benefit to pupils and those working in the schools.

DERRY PROJECT GROUPINGS

DERRY CITY

St Columb's College, Derry
St Brigid's College, Derry
Immaculate Conception College, Derry
Lumen Christi College, Derry
St Peter's High School, Derry
St Joseph's Boys' School, Derry
Thornhill College, Derry
St Cecilia's College, Derry
St Mary's College, Derry
St Patrick's and St Brigid's College, Claudy

NORTH DERRY

St Mary's High School, Limavady
St Patrick's College, Dungiven

SOUTH DERRY

St Colm's High School, Draperstown
St Paul's College, Kilrea
St Mary's College, Clady
St Patrick's College, Maghera

WEST TYRONE

Holy Cross College, Strabane
St Eugene's High School, Castlederg
Sacred Heart College, Omagh
Loreto Grammar School, Omagh
Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Omagh
St John's Business and Enterprise College, Dromore

CLOGHER PROJECT GROUPINGS

St Aidan's High School, Derrylin
St Comhghall's College, Lisnaskea
St Eugene's College, Roslea
Mount Lourdes Grammar School, Enniskillen
St Fanchea's College, Enniskillen
St Joseph's College, Enniskillen
St Michael's College, Enniskillen
St Mary's High School, Brollagh
St Mary's College, Irvinestown

ARMAGH PROJECT GROUPINGS

GREATER ARMAGH CITY AND DISTRICT

St Brigid's High School, Armagh
St Catherine's College, Armagh
St Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh
Drumcree College, Portadown
St Patrick's High School, Keady

SOUTH ARMAGH

St Paul's High School, Bessbrook
St Joseph's High School, Crossmaglen

MAGHERAFELT

St Pius X College, Magherafelt
St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt
Holy Trinity College, Cookstown

GREATER DUNGANNON AREA

St Patrick's College, Dungannon
St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon
St Joseph's College, Coalisland
St Joseph's Convent Grammar School, Donaghmore
Holy Trinity College, Cookstown

BALLYGAWLEY AND CARRICKMORE

St Ciaran's High School, Ballygawley
Dean Brian Maguirc College, Carrickmore

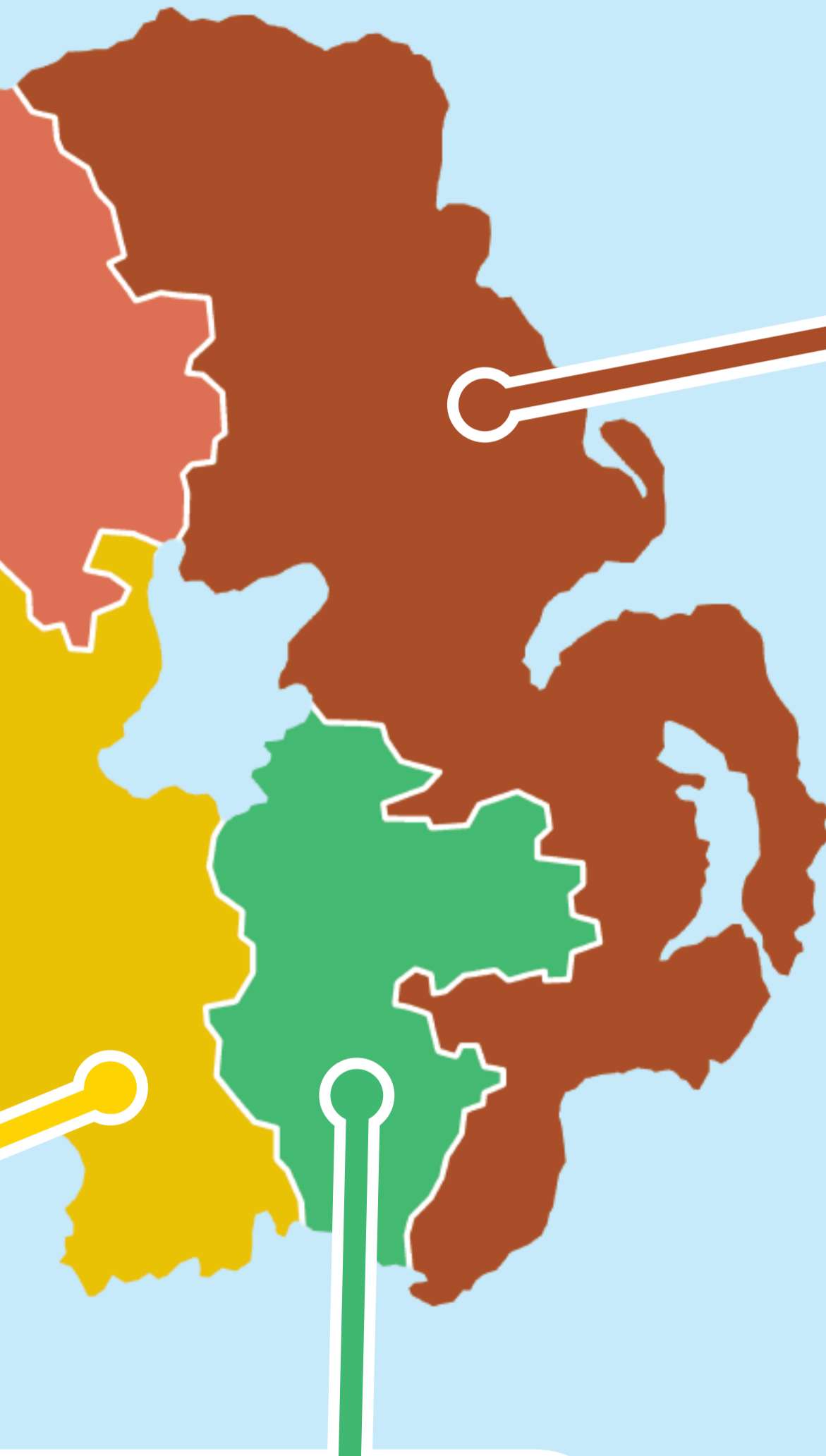
DROMORE PROJECT

GREATER NEWRY CITY AND DISTRICT

St Joseph's Boys High School, Newry
St Colman's College, Newry
St Mary's High School, Newry
Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar School, Newry
Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry
Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry
St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint
St Patrick's College, Banbridge

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GROUPINGS

LURGAN AND LISMORE

St Paul's Junior High School, Lurgan
St Mary's High School, Lurgan
St Michael's Grammar School, Lurgan
Lismore Comprehensive School, Craigavon

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DOWN AND CONNOR PROJECT GROUPINGS

GREATER BELFAST, LISBURN AND NORTH DOWN PROJECT

SOUTH AND EAST BELFAST/NORTH DOWN

Aquinas Grammar School, Belfast
St Joseph's College, Belfast
Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Belfast
St Columbanus' College, Bangor

SOUTH AND WEST BELFAST/LISBURN

Christian Brothers' School, Belfast
Corpus Christi College, Belfast
De La Salle College, Belfast
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast
St Dominic's Grammar School, Belfast
St Genevieve's High School, Belfast
St Louise's Comprehensive College, Belfast
St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Belfast
St Rose's High School, Belfast
St Colm's High School, Belfast
St Patrick's High School, Lisburn

NORTH BELFAST/ GLENGORMLEY

Edmund Rice College, Glengormley
St Patrick's College, Belfast
Little Flower Girls' School, Belfast
Our Lady of Mercy Girls' School, Belfast
St Gabriel's College, Belfast
Dominican College, Belfast
St Malachy's College, Belfast
St Gemma's High School, Belfast

BALLYMONEY, COLERAINE AND PORTSTEWART PROJECT

Dominican College, Portstewart
Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Ballymoney
St Joseph's High School, Coleraine
Loreto College, Coleraine
(Cross Diocesan with Derry Diocese)

COUNTY ANTRIM PROJECT

St Aloysius' High School, Cushendall
St Comgall's College, Larne
St Louis' Grammar School, Ballymena
St MacNissi's College, Carnlough
Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle
St Benedict's College, Randalstown
St Patrick's College, Ballymena

COUNTY DOWN PROJECT

De La Salle High School, Downpatrick
St Colmcille's High School, Crossgar
St Columba's College, Portaferry
Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch
St Colman's High School, Ballynahinch,
St Mary's Girls' High School, Downpatrick
St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick
St Columban's College, Kilkeel
St Louis' Grammar School, Kilkeel
St Malachy's High School, Castlewellan
(Cross Diocesan with Dromore Diocese)

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS BEING ASKED TO DO?

Schools will be required to review the delivery of post-primary education and design options for the future which will meet the challenges they are currently facing. They will examine the need to work with other education providers in the area for the mutual benefit of all pupils.

Schools and the review process will be supported by the Post-primary Review Team which has been established by the senior trustees for Catholic education in Northern Ireland.

HOW WILL BOARDS OF GOVERNORS, STAFF, PUPILS AND PARENTS BE CONSULTED?

Principals of all schools have formed working groups in project areas and meet regularly to review provision and, if appropriate, will develop options for future provision. This work is being overseen by school trustees and the chairs of boards of governors. Staff, pupils and parents will be consulted at key stages throughout the review. There will also be a period of public consultation if any significant changes to current schools are required.

WHAT ARE THE CORE PRINCIPLES UNDERPINNING THE PROJECTS?

Arrangements will provide a system of post-primary Catholic education in Northern Ireland which respects and adheres to the core principles of the Northern Ireland Commission for Catholic Education. The new arrangements will:

1. optimise high quality education provision and excellence in outcomes for all pupils;
2. actively promote justice, reconciliation, mutual understanding, solidarity, inclusive communities and be part of genuinely pluralist provision;
3. contribute to the provision of education choices for parents and pupils; and
4. be the result of transparent consultative processes.

WHERE CAN I FIND CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE POST-PRIMARY REVIEW?

You can access information about the Post-primary Review by logging onto our website. It includes information about:

- current projects;
- latest news;
- who's who;
- press releases;
- publications; and
- case studies.



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