

Submission NO. 009



# Killaloe Boys National School

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Dear Helen,

Thank you for your invitation to input our views and needs as part of the public consultation phase for the preparation of a new Clare County Development Plan.

As you may be aware the Boards of Managements of both Killaloe Boys National School and Killaloe Convent School are engaged in a process of amalgamation. An amalgamation sub-committee has been formed and this sub-committee is currently attempting to secure the purchase of a suitable greenfield site and associated planning. A pre-planning submission has been made to Clare County Council by Andrew Hersey, planning consultant on behalf of the amalgamation sub-committee.

Killaloe Boys National School currently has 131 boys on roll. The school has 5 class teachers and 4 special education teachers. The main school building was built in 1955. Four of the classrooms are 36 square metres in area which is less than half the area of the Department of Education and Skills specification for new classrooms. The school's general purpose room was converted to a classroom in August 2020 in order to achieve social distancing between pods in the classroom. Under the 2020/21 staffing schedule Killaloe Boys NS would gain an additional classroom when enrolment reaches 143. The construction of an additional classroom is not seen as a feasible option due to the site layout.

The catchment area of the school includes the town of Killaloe and surrounding townlands (Ballykildea, Cloonfada, Ross, Garraunboy, Shantraud, Newtown, Craglea, Ballyvalley, Knockyclouvaun, Killestry, Creevroe ). Over the years pupils from Killaloe have enrolled in Ballina N.S. mainly due to the fact that it caters for both boys and girls. In September 2020 Ballina N.S. did not accept enrolment of pupils with Killaloe addresses due to a lack of capacity. Killaloe Boys NS had to refuse enrolments to 3 applicants in September 2020 due to insufficient capacity in our junior infant classroom.

The site of Killaloe Boys National School is located adjacent a busy T junction. The Board of Management has written to Tom Mellett of Clare County Council and the Gardaí to express our serious road traffic safety concerns. These safety concerns are a major driver of the amalgamation process.

If you would like to discuss any of the above or seek any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Corcoran,  
Principal.