

The wider community

Subject: The Primary School Survey – our school's results and next steps

Dear wider community,

We are writing to update you on the Department of Education and Youth's Primary School Survey.

This survey was carried out to understand the types of schools that parents and guardians prefer. Over 200,000 parents and guardians took part nationwide. We are now sharing our school's survey results with you for your information and review. We would welcome any feedback you may have on the results.

About the survey

The attached survey results show:

- The preferences of parents/guardians of children currently enrolled in our school; and

The results outline the preferences of parents/guardians for:

- Co-educational or single-sex provision
- Patronage/ethos
- Language of instruction (English or Irish)

How to understand the survey results

We have attached guidance to help you understand the survey results. In simple terms: The percentages in green and gold show what the parents/guardians who took part in the survey prefer.

The red line shows the margin of error. This gives a range around the survey result, showing how much the result might be higher or lower if **all** parents/guardians of children in our school had responded.

For example:

- if the whole red line is **above 50%**, this means it is likely that more than half of all parents/guardians prefer that option, even allowing for the margin of error.

What happens next

The Board of Management will now review the survey results and think about what they mean for our school.

As part of this, we want to make sure that parents/guardians, students, staff, and the wider school community can share their views with us. Once we have gathered all feedback, we will consider it carefully and then let you know about any decisions we make and next steps.

For example, if there is a clear preference for a change, the school may submit an 'expression of interest form' for change to the department. If this happens, the department will provide us with a dedicated contact person and other supports, to help our school in this process.

When looking at these requests, the department will check things like whether there are enough school places for boys and girls in the area, and the timing of any changes would reflect this.

Next steps

Please read the attached survey results for our school and guidance document.

You can send any comments or feedback to us at surveyfeedback@ourladysgirls.com by **30 September 2026**. Anonymous emails will not be considered. We ask for maximum 1 email per household. Please title the email "wider community" in the subject box.

Thank you for your support with this survey and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

 
Chairperson and Principal

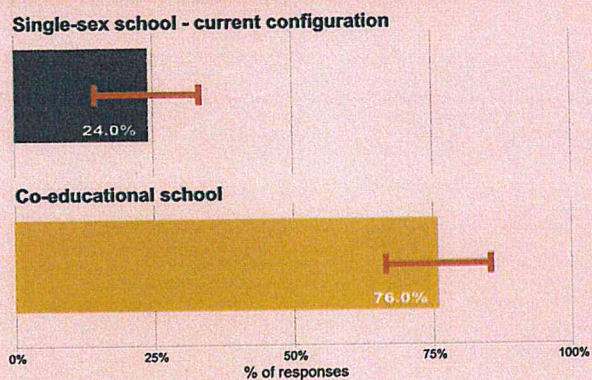
Primary School Survey

School Specific Results

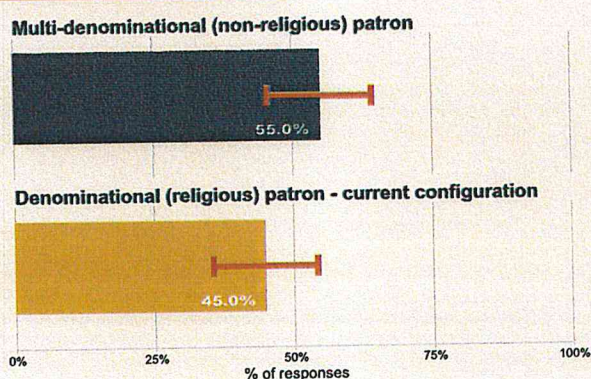
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Results from parents and guardians with children in this school

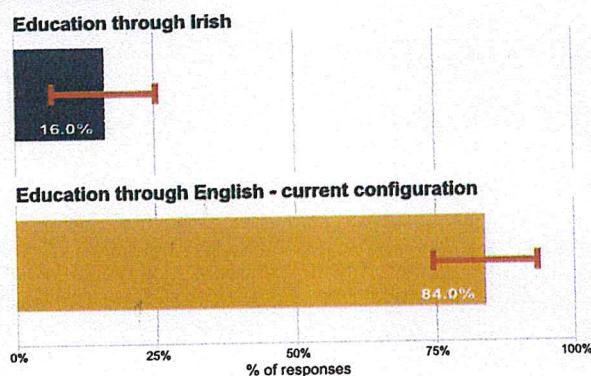
Co-educational / single-sex preference



Patronage / ethos preference



Language preference



School Response Rate

51%

74 out of 145 households

Overall School Margin of Error

Preferences will be $\pm 9.4\%$

(indicated by red bar)

Results from parents and guardians who indicated that they intend to enrol their children in this school in the future

Results from parents/guardians with children not yet in school are not included in this report. This is because no parents/guardians responded to the survey or only a small number of parents/guardians responded to the survey in respect of this school. Small numbers are not shown in this report in order to keep the results reliable.

Please note that this is not part of the enrolment process and the number of future enrolments at your school will be determined by the operation of the enrolment process.

Next Steps

The Department of Education and Youth has written to all schools and provided comprehensive information, including on how to understand the survey results and asking each school to reflect on their school-specific report, engage with their school community and consider if the school wishes to request to be included in the first group of schools to action the Primary School Survey results.