



D8 Secondary School

Survey Results

March 2023

Summary

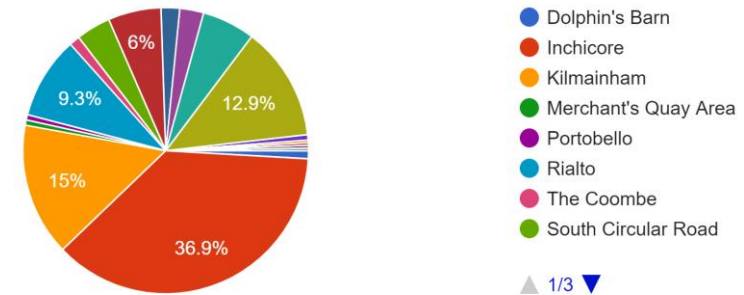
- Only 27% of D8 (and closeby) parents send/ plan to send their children to a D8 secondary school.
 - Despite 36% of respondents living in Inchicore, only 7% plan to/ send their children to a secondary school in Inchicore.
- The main reason parents are not planning to/ sending their children to a D8 secondary school are
 1. Disagreeing with the religious ethos of the school (48%) – there is currently no school in D8 without a religious ethos.
 2. Academic Reputation (43%) – Dublin 8 schools have a 57% progression rate to third level v 96% for nearby Dublin 6.
 3. Lack of available places (31%) – there is currently only one space available for every 3 children who leave primary school in Dublin 8.
- 65% of parents in D8 want to send their children to a non or multidenominational school, despite there being none in the area, and D8 not being in the catchment area for nearby Harold's Cross ETSS.
- 89% of parents want to send their children to a secondary school close to home, yet 71% are travelling more than 2km, 71% are spending more than 20 minutes travelling to school and 30% are travelling to school by Dublin Bus.
- 64% would like to see an Educate Together Secondary School in D8, while 33% want an Irish language school.

Where are our respondents from?

81% of respondents live in D8, with 37% living in Inchicore.

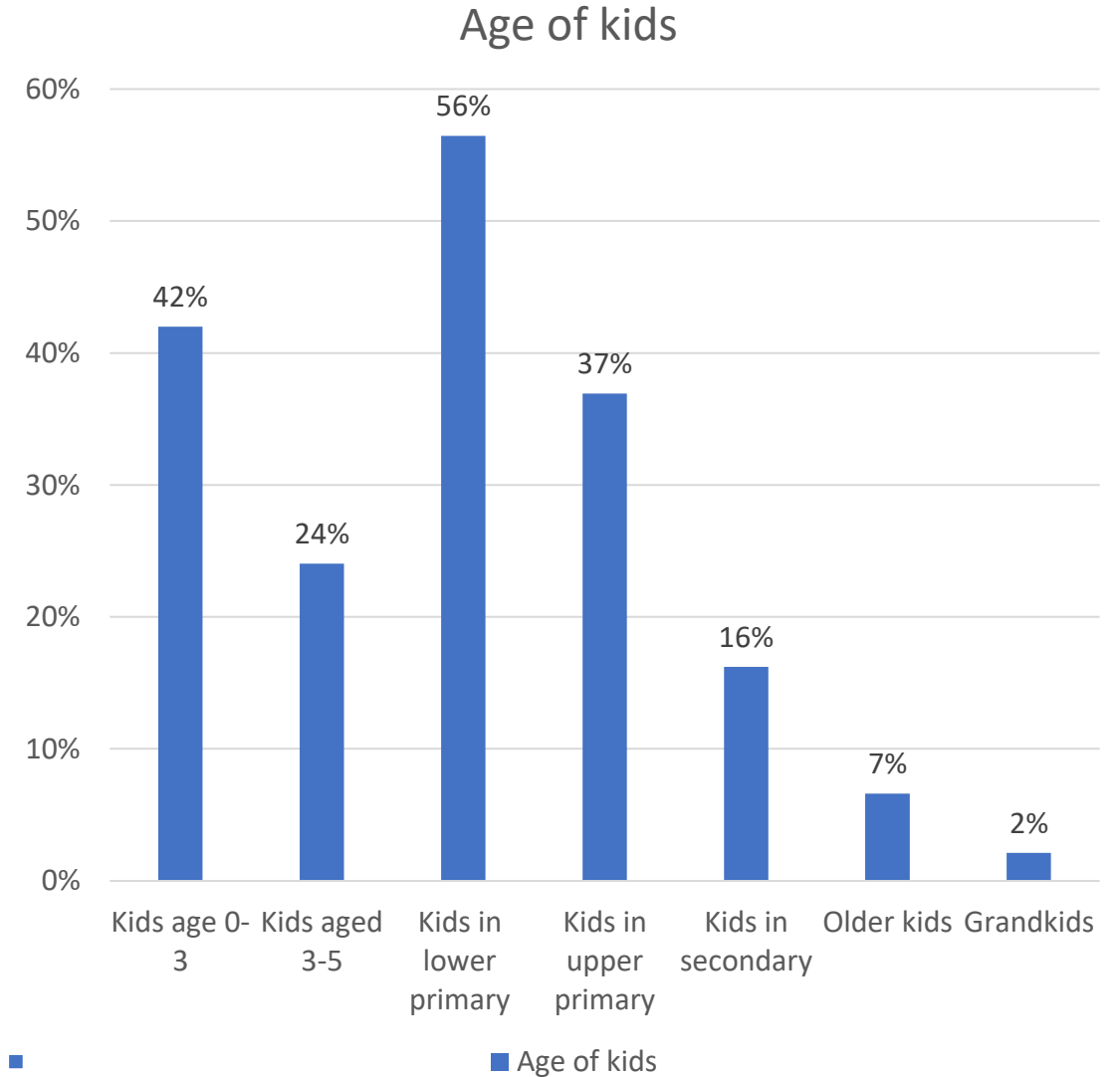
13% are in D12, while 6% live in D10.

Q1. Where do you currently live?
333 responses



What age group are their children?

Majority of parents don't yet have children in secondary school.



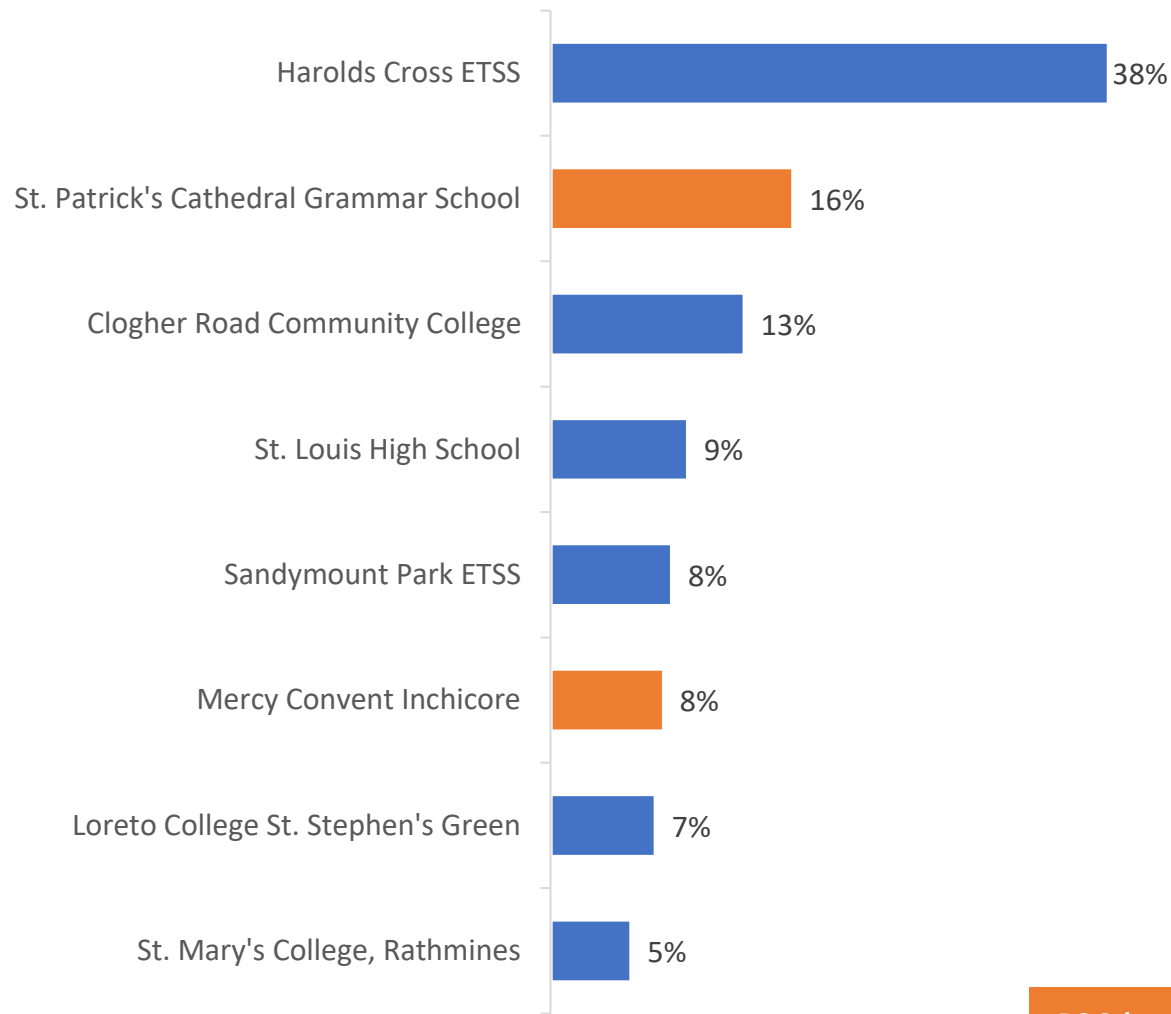
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Where do parents plan to send their kids/ already send them to secondary school?

55% know where they send their children, or plan to send them.

Of those, only 27% plan to send their children to school in D8.

Secondary School Child attends/ plans to attend



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D8 School

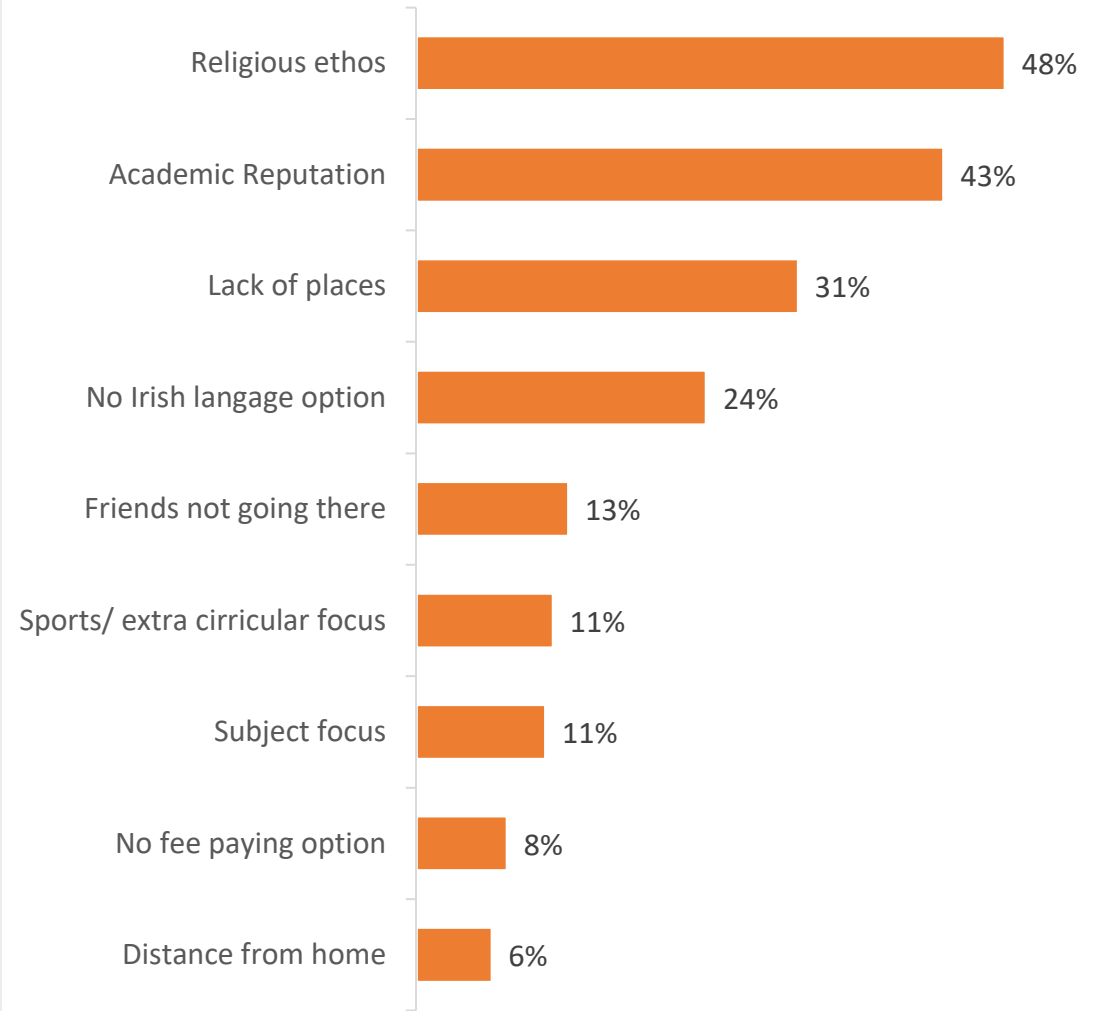
Why are D8 parents not sending their children to local secondary schools?

1. Religious Ethos

2. Academic Reputation

3. Lack of places available

Secondary School Child attends/ plans to attend



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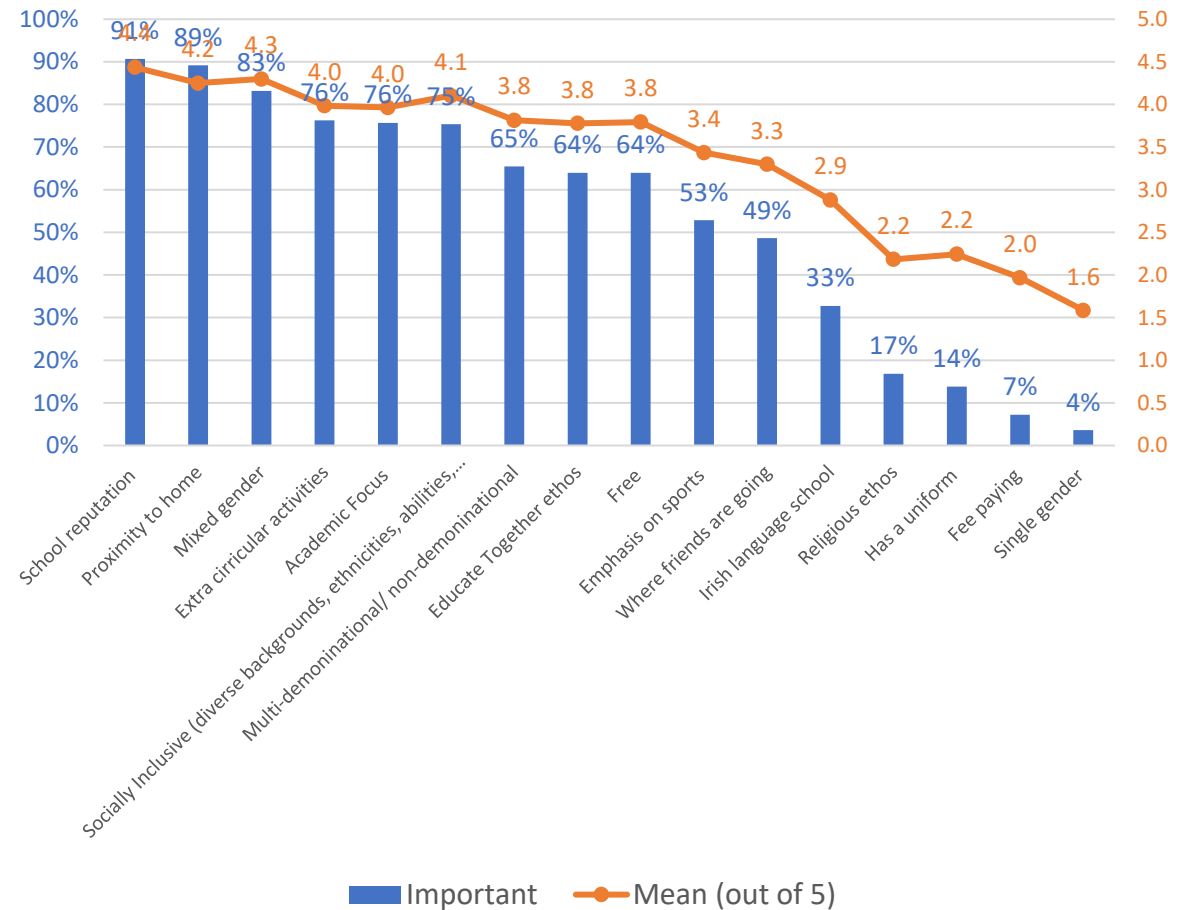
What is important to parents when deciding where to send their children to secondary school?

1. Reputation
2. Close to home
3. Mixed Gender
4. Extra Curricular Activities
5. Academic Focus

Only 4% of parents want a single sex school, while only 17% want one with a religious ethos. Currently in D8 all secondary schools have a religious ethos.

64% want an Educate Together school. 33% want an Irish language school. Currently D8 is in the catchment area for neither.

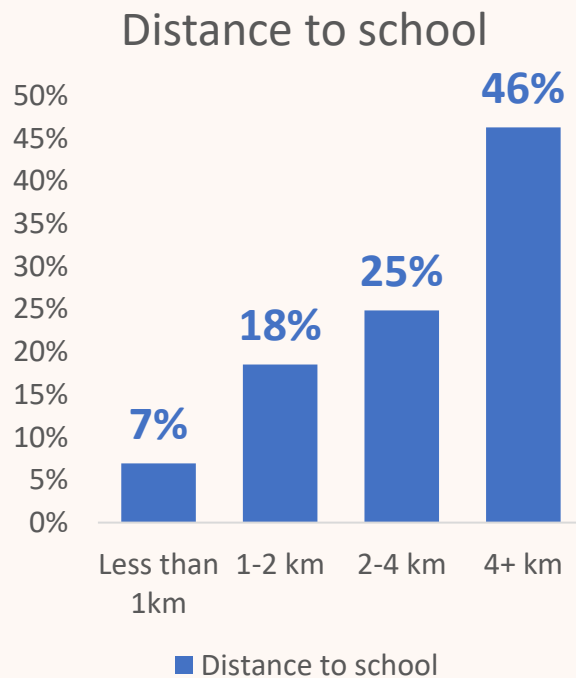
Important Factors when deciding on a secondary school



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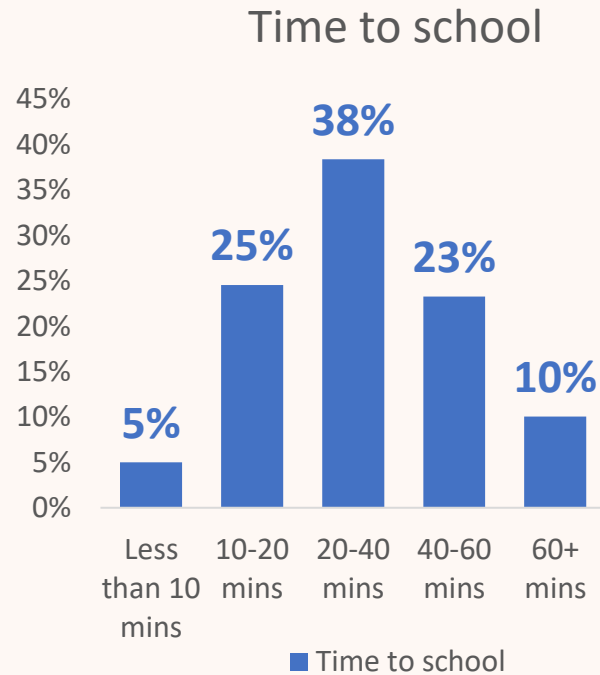
Most children are travelling significant distances by Dublin bus or bike to get to school every day.

How far do our kids travel/ plan to travel to get to secondary school?



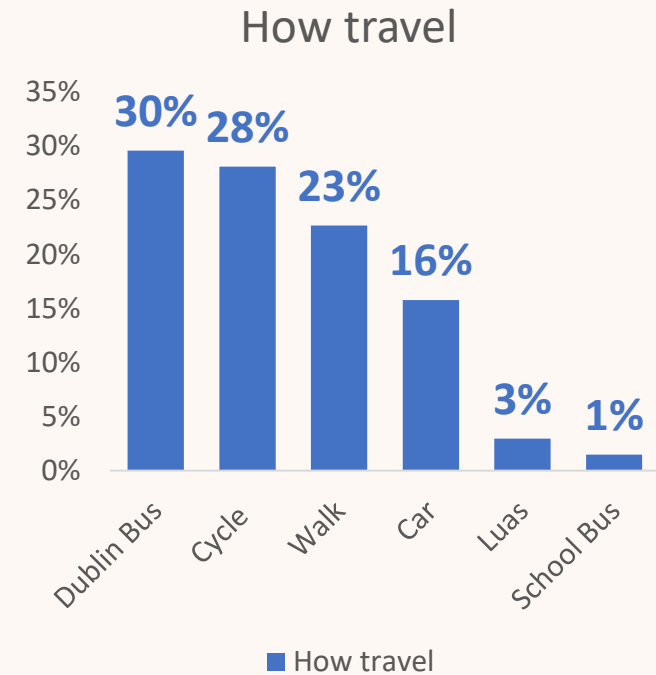
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How long does it take them to get to school?



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How do they travel to school?



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We received many comments from concerned parents about the lack of secondary school places in D8. Parents want inclusive, accessible schools.

INCLUSIVITY

I think for children coming from a diff country/background the lack of a school that is not religious and has mixed cultures and genders is very important as the children and their families cannot relate to a different model of school or ethos.

I would emphasise the importance of a multi denominational, inclusive, English language school. I'm from Dublin but an Irish language school would exclude my family as we don't speak Irish at all.

Personally I think a co-Ed multi denominational school with DEIS status and a Gaelscoil unit on campus with full access to afterschool clubs would have most chance at being passed by the department of education. I strongly believe in education and opportunity for all. Dublin 8 is a diverse and vibrant community where multiculturalism and inclusion should be reflected in our educational system.

Having a non denominational school within close proximity to where we live is extremely important to us. Access to a free, inclusive, secular secondary by a sustainable means of transport is essential to many of the parents who call Dublin 8 their home.

ACCESSIBILITY

It would be great to have a secondary school our children could walk to

I hope my daughter can be educated in a supportive school, that is within, cycling or walking distance from her home

I think having a school close to home is so important it's vital for our children and community. Based in Kilmainham the current secondary schools are so far and when you have a younger child with a big age gap I personally don't know how I would get them both to different schools at the same time. It will be an added cost as my husband works early mornings and I have no help from family for the school run. My daughter currently attends Gaelscoil Inse Choir and to send her to a Gaelscoil secondary school the distance is way too far with only options being cabra, clondalkin and Lucan.

DIVERSITY

We really need a non-religious run, mixed gender, progressive, modern secondary in Dublin 8. Urgently! How can we be a community without one?

I would emphasise the importance of a multi denominational, inclusive, English language school. I'm from Dublin but an Irish language school would exclude my family as we don't speak Irish at all.

With mixed views in favour of either an Educate Together or Gael Coláiste.

GAEL COLAISTE

Dublin 8 is in dire need of a Gaelcholáiste as there are other options in the Dublin 8 area in the English speaking language however anyone wanting to complete their secondary education through Irish will have a 2hr plus journey each day in order to attend a Gaelcholáiste

Tá díomá orainn nach bhfuil seans ar bith acu freastal ar meanscoil as Gaeilge sa cheantar féin. I think it's awful that there's no Irish language option locally for secondary school and the brilliant Gaelscoil Inse Chór school & family community is broken up.

I would like to point out that there is not one single Irish language secondary school in the whole of the Dublin South Central constituency. I don't believe this situation exists in any other Dublin constituency. It means our children leaving Gaelscoileanna have to travel far and wide to continue their education as gaeilge.

Níl aon mheanscoil lán Ghaeilge i mBaile Áthas Cliath láir theas. There is no Irish language secondary school in the whole of Dublin South Central constituency. It is the only Dáil cheantar with no choice for Irish language speakers in Dublin. It is really frustrating.

EDUCATE TOGETHER

I would prefer my child continue her education in the Educate Together school system as she is currently attending a primary Educate Together at Canal Way. Currently the only ETNS secondary schools that we could apply to are the one in Harold's Cross (2.5km), or Sandymount (7km) they have limited places available (plus we are outside of the catchment anyways) which makes the probability of her attending a ETNS secondary school very low and as we don't drive these would be our only options. An Educate Together Secondary school in D8 would be of a massive benefit to the area.

For it to be inclusive of all offering a Co-educational, Child-centered, Equality-Based and Democratically-Run educational experience allowing for a continuation from Primary Education for the many families that are choosing to send their children to Educate Together Primary Schools.

Educate together please. There are no options for dublin 8 or Dublin 10 that are secular.

Thanks to the parents involved in this. It would be great to see an Educate Together secondary school in D8 for the many primary school children attending primary ETNS in D8.

With some parents urging the focus to be on upgrading and improving existing schools within the area.

IMPROVE EXISTING

I would prefer to see investment in the existing schools, including to grow their student numbers if required by local demographics. I would like to see improved educational outcomes for all children in D8, not just the ones whose parents exercise choice in school selection. Start-up schools are challenging for all sorts of reasons, and Dublin 8 has a number of existing local schools which should benefit from improved resources and opportunities, and could also integrate the growing, diversifying and gentrifying community.

Already schools in the area why waste more money opening new buildings why not develop the current campus in existence

Where would parents like to see a new school located?

83% want to see a new school located in the OPW Building on South Circular Road.

Please note: Only 2 options were prompted – OPW Building and DIT Aungier St.



Q9. If you had a preference for a location for a new school in Dublin 8, which would you choose?
324 responses

