



New School Update September 2019



Historical Update

- Discussions with the Dept. of Education and Skills started over 15 yrs ago to get a new school developed for Scoil Íósaf Naofa.
- Green field site identified off Boreenmanna Rd. for school development.
- Junior and Senior Infant classes based on part of the site for the new school.
- Dept. of Education granted 12 classroom school with one Special Needs Unit to be built on the site i.e. 1.5 of every class group resulting in split classes.

Recent Progress

- Issue with site ownership resolved in May 2019 allowing for development to take place.
- 3rd Infant class building on site of Boreenmanna Rd. in August 2019.
- Meetings with Dept. of Education and Skills requesting an increase in school size from 12 classrooms to 16 classrooms i.e. increase from 1.5 of every class group to 2 of every class group resulting in no split classes. Also, to intake 2 Special Needs Units resulting in more pupil and teacher supports.
- Permission granted by the Dept. of Education and Skills for a 16 classroom school with 2 Special Needs Units in September 2019. Recent increase in the number of classes in the school having a positive impact on the decision by the Dept.

Future Progress

- We are currently on Stage 1 of 5 in the development.
 - Stage 2- Appointment of design team and plan development in consultation with the school. New design team needs to be appointed due to the increase in the size of the school.
 - Stage 3- Tender.
 - Stage 4- On-site.
 - Stage 5- Completion.
- An approximate time-scale of three years for the development to be completed.
- **Please speak with your local politicians and councillors to try and get the development on to Stage 2 as quickly as possible. The quicker a Design Team is appointed, the quicker progress will be made.**