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BELMAYNE: DECISION TO LIMIT NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR ADMISSIONS TO 52 SLAMMED

Parents voice their anger over school spaces

ROSE BARRETT

PARENTS seeking a place at the new Educate Together secondary school in Belmayne have hit out at a decision to limit the number of first year admissions to 52.

For parents Fiona and Tony Peacham from Baldoyle, the lack of sufficient spaces for first year students is a nightmare.

"I was a founder member of the committee that campaigned to secure a secondary school for Belmayne ET," Fiona told Dublin Gazette.

"I love the ethos of Educate Together and we enrolled our daughter Katie when she was only six months old.

"Now she is due to start secondary school in September 2020 but she is

currently only twelfth on the waiting list.

"We're devastated for the many other parents and students who will be disappointed. At least 170 applications were received for first year entries in September, which is now down to 96, but the Department of Education will only guarantee 52 places."

A parent's committee

launched an online petition which has already exceeded over 1,000 signatures in a short period of time.

Mother Jacinta O'Toole was equally critical of the curtailed admission numbers, although her daughter Zhara has been accepted for the ET secondary school next term.

She said: "I've been on the Parent's Council for



Students awaiting places at Belmayne Educate Together PS show their numbers as listed on the waiting list for Belmayne ET Secondary School



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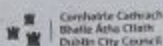
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Educate Together NS for 11 years. My son Evan attends Clontarf ETSS in Whitehall.

"But I feel very strongly that parents favouring the Educate Together ethos within the catchment area have only one facility to choose, where parents whose children were educated at other mainstream schools (often run by religious denominations) have up to six secondary schools to choose from."

Principal Aishling Kenevey stated: "There are currently not enough

school places in Belmayne ETSS to meet the growing demand in the community.

"We cannot accommodate all of the families seeking places, and will regrettably have to turn away students."

Jacinta and Fiona called on the Department of Education to use some of the prefabs allocated for Belmayne in September 2021 to facilitate more enrolments.

But Ms Kenevey confirmed she was told that "until the construction of the school's permanent

home is complete, Belmayne ETSS will regrettably remain restricted to how many places it can offer".

A spokesperson for the Department of Education said a new 1,000- pupil school campus on the Grange Community College site was due to open in early December.

They added: "It will not be possible for the permanent school to increase its enrolment intake beyond the current intake level (up to 48 pupils at first year) for the 2021/2022 academic year."

Council supports local traders

"LOCAL SHOPS LIE at the heart of our towns and villages, and it's never been more important to support local retailers and suppliers than now," says Owen Lavery (right), Head of Economics and Enterprise Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

"We're all about place making and creating a more attractive retail environment for shoppers and residents here in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR).

"One of the biggest changes in the last few months is the number of local outlets that have developed websites so you can shop online. There's no need to stick to the big international online retailers - check locally to see what's available, you might be surprised to see how

many great Irish producers and retailers will now deliver straight to your door."



than one minute in duration.

"Tell us about your business, what you have for sale this Christmas and include your business name, web address, email address and phone contact both on screen and in your covering message to us."

Entries close on December 11 and entries must provide an online sales service or a click and collect facility.

Another popular business initiative is the Shop Front Improvement Scheme.

Along with aiding the enhancement of shop facades and streetscapes, it further helps to increase the local and visitor footfall to the area. See <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/FinancialSupports/Shop-FrontImprovement/>

One of the novel shopping experiences this year will be DLR's Virtual Christmas Market.

"This will be a great opportunity to showcase the wide range of exciting and innovative businesses across the area and will be hosted on DLR's Events Facebook," said Owen.

"Businesses can shoot their own video, no more

Childrens artwork will be used to raise awareness

Environmental-themed posters and slogans will be distributed to schools and libraries



POSTERS: One of the anti-dog fouling posters hung up by schoolchildren in Firhouse

By Aileen O'Flaherty

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ARTWORK created by local schoolchildren that brings awareness to environmental issues, including dog fouling, littering, and graffiti, will be used by South Dublin County Council on posters in the New Year.

The local authority's decision to hold an environmental-themed poster competition next year has been welcomed by Social Democrat councillor Carly Bailey.

As previously reported in *The Echo*, schoolchildren in Firhouse created their own anti-dog fouling posters which were laminated and hung up around the area by parent Clara Forrester, however they were removed shortly afterwards and it is unclear who took them down.

This prompted Cllr Bailey to table a motion at an area committee meeting on Tuesday, asking the council to pilot a scheme "which will turn children's art that depicts anti-dog fouling messaging into official posters that can be put up in an area".

Cllr Bailey told *The Echo*: "I think there was agreement across the board that

engagement like this is important.

"It's always a good thing if children feel invested in their own community, and it's really important for young people to feel empowered in their own community."

"And this will go further than the children, because they'll engage their families and the wider community to have that discussion about the issue with dog fouling."

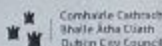
Cllr Bailey's motion was carried, and the council confirmed that they have plans to roll out the poster competition next January.

In a statement made at the meeting, a council spokesperson said: "The Environmental Awareness Office runs an annual poster competition where students are asked to design an environmental themed poster and slogan."

"Every year the winning entries are printed up professionally and distributed to schools and libraries throughout the county."

"The winning entries are also made into anti-dog fouling, anti-litter and anti-graffiti signs which are used throughout the county to deter these activities."

"The next competition is due to be run in January 2021."



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Under-pressure Eir claims it is addressing 'appalling' customer care problems

Charlie Weston

TELECOMS provider Eir has insisted that steps it has taken to improve its customer care are working after TDs described its service as 'appalling'.

The under-pressure company said it has now reduced customer phone call waiting times to 30 minutes.

Consumers had complained it can take more than an hour to get through to the company.

Communications Minister Eamon Ryan said recently the telecom group's customer service was 'totally unsatisfactory and something the company is going to have to address'.

He said regulator ComReg would have to take action to tackle Eir's 'shocking poor performance'.

Ceann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghail said Eir's service was 'appalling' and raised 'profound questions' as to whether ComReg is doing

its job. Customers have been highly frustrated when trying to contact the utility's customer care staff to report faults, switch mobile phone SIM cards, or move provider.

There have also been complaints that calls are dropped, customer agents are rude or unhelpful, and that routine issues are left unresolved.

Eir is the largest telecoms operator in the State, with 11 million mobile customers, many with its new low priced

provider GoMo, and close to a million broadband customers.

The firm, controlled by French billionaire Xavier Niel and his Irish telecoms business, made operating profits of €222m in the three months to the end of September.

An Eir spokesperson said resolving care wait times is its main priority.

'The average wait time for care in the last week was under 10 minutes and, while this is not where it should be,

we are making steady progress and we wish to apologise for the delays some customers have experienced,' the spokesperson said.

He added that the pandemic had made managing its call centres in Sligo, Limerick and Cork challenging, with more than 400 care agents forced to work from home overnight.

Eir has also seen a dramatic increase in call volumes due to more households working and learning from home, the

spokesperson said.

The company has added 25 people to its care team since the summer, with more set to join in the coming weeks.

'Hiring and training new staff solely under Covid restrictions is challenging and does take time, but those changes have already led to reductions in call wait times,' Eir said.

The regulator, ComReg, said it has sought a remediation plan from Eir.



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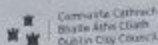
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Man arrested in connection with the 1974 Birmingham pub bombings

Gillian Halliday and Richard Vernalis

A 65-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in Belfast in connection with the murders of 21 people in the 1974 pub bombings in Birmingham.

The arrest comes just days before the 46th anniversary of the two deadly November 21 blasts which ripped apart the Mulberry Bush and Tavern in the Town pubs.

It is understood the man arrested is Michael Patrick Reilly, who was named in a 2018 TV documentary as one of two main suspects in the bombings.

At the time, a solicitor for Mr Reilly, who has other unconvicted terror convictions, strongly denied any involvement in the Birmingham attacks, describing the allegations as 'untrue and without any foundation'.

A former British soldier who has since died, James Francis Gavin, was also named in the documentary.

The suspect arrested yesterday was detained under the Terrorism Act. It is understood a search by officers of a property in south Belfast throughout yesterday is the same address where the suspect was detained earlier in connection with the blasts.

Julie Hambleton, whose 18-year-old sister Maxine died in the bombings, said the arrest was 'the most monumental event' in the criminal investigation into the bombings since the quashing of the convictions of the Birmingham Six in 1991.

When she was telephoned by a senior West Midlands Police



Police search a Belfast house

officer with news of the arrest, she broke down in tears.

'I couldn't speak. I was just inconsolable and was just looking at the picture of Maxine,' she said.

'It's welcome news. It's overwhelming news.'

Ms Hambleton, who is part of campaign group Justice for the 21, said: 'It's something we have waited a long time for.'

'Having this development - whatever happens - does not in any way lessen our desire for a full public inquiry to be held.'

'There are wider issues which need to be examined and so much that went wrong, like why six men were arrested for a crime they didn't commit.'

Ms Hambleton added: 'The fact is we have had to beg and campaign and give up our lives as we knew them to fight for justice.'

'Justice that was never facilitated by the authorities whose job it was to do so.'

In April last year, an inquest jury found a botched IRA warning call led to the deaths of 21 people unlawfully killed in the atrocity.

A flawed investigation by West Midlands Police led to the wrongful convictions of the Birmingham Six.