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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Students Council of Doora N.S. We are a rural school on the outskirts of Ennis with 97 pupils.

We want to support the application made by the school to have our two original classrooms, which are 60 years old, refurbished into a new and fit for purpose Autism class. Our most vulnerable students deserve the right to have a safe, spacious and child friendly classroom made available to them. The main student body also deserves the right to have a safe, spacious and child friendly classroom made available to them. With this in mind, we are seeking that the Dept. of Education grant the building of two new classrooms.

Our current classrooms are ~ 39m sq and as outlined above, are 60 years old. On average, that equates to < 1.8m sq of space each, without factoring tables, chairs etc into the equation.

Some of our key concerns are:


1. We have very restricted space and as a result of that we are constantly hitting off other children's desks, knocking their books over and distracting them from their learning
2. Exciting STEM, science, drama and group work activities are very difficult or impossible to complete given the lack of space
3. The cramped space is effecting the students mental wellbeing and it has a negative effect on the teaching and learning in those classrooms
4. Our teachers struggle to move between desks, thus making it difficult for us to receive 1:1 support when necessary

The pupils of Doora N.S deserve to not only be treated with the same dignity and respect as the pupils in town schools but to also have equal opportunity to the best teaching and learning outcomes that they are afforded. This can only happen with investment in new, modern and fit for purpose classrooms.

We also feel that given the unpredictability of the Irish weather and the importance that is now being placed on our health and wellbeing, that the school should be allocated funding for a PE hall.

We trust that you will ensure that we will be provided with the necessary space to flourish and become the leaders of tomorrow.

Kind regards



Róisín Murphy
Chairperson, Doora NS SC