



JMB School Building Projects Advisory Service

Aim: To advise Principals and Boards of Management on practical challenges relating to school building projects

Five main functions:

- **Assisting schools considering a new building project**
- **Assisting with application forms for emergency works, additional accommodation and summer works**
- **Assisting with the tendering for and appointment of consultants**
- **Dealing with day-to-day queries**
- **Supporting schools approved for large devolved grants through the whole building process**
- **Liaising with DES Building Unit**

The Options for Boards of Management:

- **A Major Project** – a new building or a major refurbishment and extension – only schools on the Six Year Plan 2016-21 considered currently.
- **Additional Accommodation Scheme** – an extension costing between €1m and €7m. Scheme operates on a continuing basis.
- **Summer Works Scheme:** applications for 2019-21 scheme are being dealt with over a number of years. More approvals expected shortly.
- **Emergency Works Scheme** – for emergencies such as boiler failure or safety issues. Always contact the Building Unit in Tullamore before spending money to fix something. Retrospective funding is not allowed. The scheme also covers applications for works relating to special needs, access issues, lifts etc.

Remember:

- Always consider future school needs when considering an application for new rooms eg enrolment, future subject choice, etc
- All applications for capital works require trustee approval.
- Never change the scope of works without prior DES approval

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