



CURRENT SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Buildings often change over the years and Balrothery NS is no different.

The original school was built in 1949, followed by the addition of two classrooms in the 1970's. In the late 1980's the school had to decamp up to Scoil Mhuire in Oberstown while a further three classrooms and general-purpose room were built.

In July 2013 the Department of Education sent an approval letter to the Board of Management for a 7-classroom extension along with 3 Special Education Classrooms. There was great excitement.

The tender process began and a design team was appointed. Prefabs were removed in 2016, planning permission was approved and then we hit a wall! This was due to a mix of financial, logistical and environmental challenges.

After a few difficult years the process began again in July 2020. We were off! A new design team was appointed, MCOH with Conor Finnegan as lead architect. The tender process to find a contractor began. Rodney Brady Contractor was appointed and building works started in July 2023. At long last the project was moving forward overcoming previous obstacles. The Board of Management was told it would take 18 months from start to finish.

However, Rodney Brady along with his site manager, Willie Monahan showed great determination from the onset. Momentum gathered and was sustained. School life continued within a bubble of hoarding while the building works took place outside the hoarding. Children peeped through the gaps on regular occasions giving updated reports on what they could now see.

In June 2024 as we were heading off on our summer holidays the hoarding came down. It was a sight to behold. All summer long the builders toiled under the stewardship of Conor, Francis, Rodney and Willie.

On the 2nd of September 2024, we opened the doors, ready for the children for another school year. This exceeded all expectations.

Now it feels like the extension has always been there, it blends seamlessly with the previous structures. The new school merges with our surroundings creating a space where new memories will now be made.



