

Mr Dermot Stanley,
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Dear Mr Stanley,

I refer to recent correspondence relating to the NCSE report of April 2020 to the Minister for Education and Skills noting a shortage of primary ASD Special Classes and special school places in South Dublin. This report noted that Canal Way ETNS did not respond to the NCSE letter of September 2019 requesting schools to make provision for ASD Special Classes. The report also noted that the draft report had been provided to all schools in advance, to ensure accuracy.

Due to an administrative error the letter from Canal Way ETNS advising the NCSE that the school was not in a position to establish a special class due to lack of space was not received by NCSE. Due to a further administrative oversight Canal Way ETNS was not provided with a copy of the draft report in advance of submission. As a result, the final report noted that Canal Way ETNS did not reply to the NCSE letter of September 2019, which is inaccurate. The NCSE remains satisfied that Canal Way ETNS does not have any available space in which to establish a special class currently.

I apologise for any inconvenience this administrative oversight has caused to the Board of Management and school management.

Yours sincerely,



Mary McGrath
Principal Officer, Head of Operations
cc. Patron Educate Together,
cc. Department of Education and Skills, Special Education Section.