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Minister of State, Joe O'Brien TD

New home for St Michael's

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THE search for a new home for St Michael's House Skerries has taken a major step forward.

Minister for Community Development and Charities and local TD Joe O'Brien has welcomed the news that the Department of Education have confirmed that they have acquired a four-acre green field site in Loughshinny for St. Michael's House Special School Skerries.

He stated that: "This will come as a relief to parents, young people and staff at St. Michael's House Special School.

"The saga for a new site and building has been going on for far too long.

"I want to pay tribute to those who have remained steadfast in their determination to secure a better environment for the young people that attend the school."

Minister of State O'Brien added: "Temporary accommodation' for 38 years is unacceptable and I am glad now that the path is open to an end to this situation.

"The new site will provide permanent accommodation for the school and will be of a much higher standard.

"Of course the battle is not over and there is a distance to travel before we have a new functioning school. I commit to working with my colleagues to get the building project moving."