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and it is forced to do so," he
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Mr Higgins emphasised that
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an impossibility.
It is ironic, said Mr Higgins, the fact that
the Longpavement would not be full now
if neighbouring local authorities had not
been facilitated down the years. Refuse
from outside the city is no longer accepted
and large containers are now travelling to
dumps outside the city because of a price
differential.

More city pupils without places?

By EUGENE PHELAN

A FIRM prediction of 160 pupils without secondary schools places, was the disturbing scenario facing worried parents this Friday.

"Yes, I believe that will be the figure from my study of the situation," said Cllr John Ryan.

And he says that the situation could even even been more disturbing than last year with close on 2,000 primary school students looking for places in the 16 secondary schools.

"While you have one new school—the Edmund Rice—the others have been contracting their numbers and you will still have the problem of too many students following too many places," he predicts.

INTO executive member, Tom O'Sullivan, is equally worried, though he says that because of the lack of information, it is impossible to say at this stage how many pupils will be without school places.

The number of places being made available and the number of pupils who have applied, is still not known.

"Despite the recent meeting between the Department officials and representatives of the second level schools in Limerick, there remains a great deal of secrecy and uncertainty about the transfer of pupils," he stated.

The INTO said that schools have still not made their enrolment policy and criteria public. "Places have been informally promised to some children while others await the outcome of interviews with their par-

ents by school principals. Still more have had no contact at all and wonder where their future lies," he says.

Mr O'Sullivan said that it now appeared that pupils and parents must await a "conclave" of the post primary principals at the end of February before knowing their fate.

He says that it is regrettable that second level schools cannot be more open and responsive to the pupils, parents and teachers in Limerick. "How are people to decide on a second level school for their children if the school fails to give information to them?" he asks.

Mr O'Sullivan says that only two schools have freely published their policies—St Enda's and Crescent Comprehensive.

Meanwhile, Fr Liam O'Connell, S.J., headmaster, Crescent Comprehensive, has pointed out that the Crescent has made no change in how it will allocate places:

"Crescent will co-operate with other Limerick schools in sending out acceptances on the same day, and in having a common register of those who accept places in all schools. This will prevent people from unfairly accepting more than one school place at the same time," he stated.

He said that the document issued after the meeting between Trustees and Trustee Representatives with the Department of Education, chose to refer to this co-operation between schools as a Common Enrolment Policy. It will operate after the allocation of places.

WEATHER

THIS Friday in Limerick—a pleasant, early spring day—the temperature will reach 9 or 10°C, with moderate southwesterly breezes. This Friday night will also be dry, with clear spells, which could lead to frost. Saturday will be mainly dry and mild, but there will be a sharp drop in temperature on Sunday, as winds turn easterly and strengthen. The bitterly cold winds will drop daytime temperatures close to zero, and will lead to sharp frost at night. There could be snow early in the week.

Chinese

A CHINESE cookery course is starting at Ardscoil Mhuire on Tuesday night. The course will last two hours, beginning at 8pm, and will continue each Tuesday until March 14. For places, contact 349014.

Flowers

THE Thomond Flower & Garden Club monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, at 8 p.m., in An Tagaist Hall. A garden talk will be given by Pat O'Neill.

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