Proximity of fast food restaurants to post-primary schools in Ireland – a cause for concern?

Starter

• Increasing trend in obesity in children in Ireland
  1 in 4 - overweight
  1 in 14 – obese
  
  GUI, 2009

• High cholesterol, blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, some cancers

• Effects of the built environment on food choice

• School food environment
  – Children - time in this setting
  – Health Behaviour in School-aged Children

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Main course

- 2km < 30 mins
- 1km < 15 mins
Dessert

- 46% had 1+ fast food restaurants located within 1km (within 2km = 56%)

- Urban schools had greater access

- Disadvantage
  - School
  - Area