Schoolchildren are being asked to write a new version of the 1916 Proclamation, writes Graham Clifford

With the GPO behind them and the Irish Republican flag flying from the roof of the building on Sackville Street, Patrick Pearse cleared his throat, straightened the parchment in his hand and loudly and clearly addressed those gathered around him. “We, the Irish nation, representing the Irish people, the Irish nation that shall be free — now, as it has been in the past, to rule itself in accordance with its own will,” he declared.

The Proclamation, signed by seven men, became the blueprint for a new Ireland and set the course for a century of Irish political history. It was a document that was reproduced and dispersed throughout the country. The Rising had started.

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The original may have been destroyed by British forces in Dublin after the Rising, but even if it had survived, it would have amounted to little compared to what was set out in the Proclamation.

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