

19th April 2017

Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

Update on Hopefield site – St Mary's Primary School

Thank you to all the parents, carers and other members of the community who engaged with us in considering the educational benefits of the models proposed for St Mary's Primary School.

This feedback has informed the drafting of the consultation proposal document which we have been writing over the Easter period. We will soon launch the formal consultation under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. Please see timeline below:

- The consultation period will run from Monday **8th May to Monday 19th June**.
- We will publicise the consultation and distribute printed copies of the proposal document to the school, library and high school along with a digital version on the school's and Council's websites.
- During the consultation period there will be a public meeting held in the school at 7pm on **Wednesday 24th May**. We will also meet with pupils and staff.
- After the consultation closes we will send information, including the feedback received during the consultation period, to Education Scotland. They will arrange to meet the school community then prepare a report on the educational aspects of the proposals and submit it to Education Department (for inclusion in the step below).
- We will then write a Consultation Report on the Proposal, including a copy of Education Scotland's report and considering the feedback received, and publish it on the school's and Council's websites on **18th August**.
- We anticipate that the consultation report, setting out recommendations, will be presented to the meeting of the full Council to be held on **26th September 2017**.

If approved by Council we will then progress the design of the new school building with further input from school pupils, parents and staff.

We look forward to hearing your views on the proposal and would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to engage with us.

Yours sincerely



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