

Parents/Carers

All parents/carers of pupils in:

Dunfermline HS and cluster primaries
Inverkeithing HS and cluster primaries
Queen Anne HS and cluster primaries
Woodmill HS and cluster primaries

St Columba's RC HS and cluster primaries located
in the Dunfermline and West Fife Area

Dear Parent/Carer

Community Engagement Event – Dunfermline & West Fife Area

I wrote to you on 7 November 2016 advising about the challenges the Education Service is facing with the existing school estate in the Dunfermline and West Fife Area. The letter outlined the issues and invited parents to attend the information sessions which were to be held in a number of primary and secondary schools in the Dunfermline and West Fife Area during November/December 2016. These information sessions gave parents/carers an opportunity to speak to officers on an informal basis.

The key issues that were discussed with parents/carers during these sessions were:

- Expected capacity risk at Woodmill High School from August 2018
- Non-contiguous secondary catchment areas
- House building
- Secondary catchment anomalies for the primary catchment areas of Commercial, Canmore and Pitreavie Primary Schools
- Primary catchment anomalies for the catchment areas of St Margaret's RC and St John's RC and the expected capacity risk at St Margaret's RC Primary School
- Vision for education provision in the Dunfermline and West Fife Area

Officers have found that these sessions have been very useful and the feedback from parents based on the discussion and information on the display boards has been helpful. A number of parents may not have been able to attend any of the sessions therefore another information session has been arranged for **Monday 23 January 2017 at Woodmill High School, Dunfermline from 5-6.30 pm** for any parents who have not had an opportunity to hear about the issues or speak to officers.

We have also uploaded the information from display boards online at www.fifedirect.org.uk (**type in search box - Towards A Sustainable School Estate**). This includes the information shown on display boards from the engagement sessions, a copy of the

powerpoint presentation given to Parent Councils of the 4 secondary schools, historic school rolls of the 5 secondary schools and up to date information on housing within the area of Dunfermline and West Fife.

At this point in time, no firm proposals have been put forward to resolve the issues. However, feedback received from parents/carers/interested parties will be used to contribute to the development of proposals. It is expected that a report will be submitted to a future Fife Council Executive Committee and, if required, this will outline specific proposals on any changes to the school estate and/or individual school catchment areas.

Our aim was to ensure that this process was open and transparent and we hope that parent/carers have welcomed the opportunity to have these discussions with officers at the engagement sessions.

I appreciate the time taken by parents/carers to attend these sessions and provide the feedback that has been given.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelagh McLean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'S' at the beginning.

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