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Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian

Edinburgh Schools Review

I am writing to let you know about the Edinburgh Schools Review and proposals that affect your child's school. Full details of the proposals are on the Council website:
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolsreview

Edinburgh is the second fastest growing city in the UK and by 2036 its population will have increased by 16%. Between 2016 and 2026 the number of children aged 0-15 is expected to grow by 8,000. This is due to several factors including increasing birth rates and people moving in to the city.

We need to ensure we can provide school places for the increasing number of pupils and are currently undertaking a review of school provision across the city. As a result of this review, the Council will develop proposals for different areas of the city.

The first phase of the review focuses on West and South West Edinburgh. We will shortly be asking your school's Parent Council to begin gathering views on a set of proposals affecting your school and other schools in West and South West Edinburgh.

In summary, the proposal for West and South West Edinburgh is as follows:

Currie High School (HS) and Wester Hailes Education Centre (WHEC) would amalgamate in a new building on a new school site, Balerno HS would be refurbished and expanded and a new secondary school would be established on a site west of Maybury.

- Currie Primary School (PS) catchment would go to Balerno HS rather than Currie HS;
- Currie PS catchment area would be reduced in size by realigning sections with Dean Park PS and Nether Currie PS. This would affect Currie HS and Balerno HS.

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- Dean Park PS and Kirknewton PS would continue to go to Balerno HS.
- Nether Currie PS catchment would go to a New South West HS rather than Currie HS;
- Juniper Green PS catchment would go to a New South West HS rather than Currie HS;
- Sighthill PS catchment would go to Forrester HS rather than WHEC;
- Canal View PS catchment would go to a New South West HS rather than WHEC;
- Clovenstone PS catchment would go to a New South West HS rather than WHEC;
- Ratho PS catchment would go to a New West Edinburgh HS rather than Balerno HS;
- Hillwood PS catchment would go to a New West Edinburgh HS rather than Craigmount HS;
- Roseburn PS catchment would go to Tynecastle HS rather than Craigmount HS;
- New housing in the Cammo area of Cramond PS and The Royal High catchments would go to New Maybury PS and New West Edinburgh HS respectively;
- West section of Corstorphine PS and Craigmount HS catchments would go to a New Maybury PS and a New West Edinburgh HS respectively.
- Kirkliston PS is the subject of a separate consultation process looking at high school options.

It is important to remember that no decisions have been made and, if they were to go ahead, the earliest any catchment changes would take place would be for the 2019 P1 and S1 intakes. The earliest the two new high schools would open would be August 2022.

These proposals cannot be implemented without a statutory consultation process. Initially we want to gather views from Parent Councils on the proposals, to shape any future statutory consultation process.

We will hold events between 9 January 2018 and 9 February 2018 at all the affected schools. These events will be organised via the Parent Councils and will let an invited focus group discuss the proposals with Council officers.

Contact your parent council by 22 December 2017 if you would like to be part of these early discussions.

In March 2018, we will provide the Education, Children and Families Committee with an update on the discussions we have had to date and make recommendations about what should happen next.

If we decide to take forward any proposals the next step would be a statutory consultation. This would include opportunities to feedback your views directly online or at public meetings that will be set up to discuss the proposals in more detail.

Yours sincerely



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