

Parent/Carer

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Dear Parent/Carer

Edinburgh Schools Review

We are currently half way through the informal consultation events which have been arranged with every school community. Through these events and our online consultation a number of alternatives have been suggested for the future of the school estate in west and south west Edinburgh. A summary of the alternative suggestions which have been made and the presentations from the events to date are available on the website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolsreview

The informal consultation period has been extended until 29 March 2018 and comments can be made until this date. You can comment online at the above link.

The events with all the school communities aim to gain views from a cross section of parents/carers from each school community. While we are engaging with members of the wider community, the informal consultation period will primarily focus on the views of the school communities. Once the events are complete we will analyse all the comments and suggestions received and prepare a report on the feedback received.

A special meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee has been arranged for 29 March 2018 at 10am. This meeting will solely focus on the outcomes of the engagement process report. This report will be published on the Council website at least five working days before the Committee meeting. Parent Councils will be invited to send a deputation to the meeting to present their views. No decisions will be made at this Committee. This will allow time for Elected Members to consider the representations before any final recommendations are brought to a future meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee.

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It is important to stress that no decisions have been made. Any proposals for changes to schools or their catchment areas cannot be implemented without a statutory consultation process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has participated in the consultation to date and would encourage all parents/carers to contribute.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alistair Gaw'.

Alistair Gaw
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