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Dear Parent/Carer

STATUTORY CONSULTATION: Proposed changes to primary school provision in Tillydrone and Old Aberdeen

*If you would like this letter to be translated into another language,
please contact us.*

We have this week launched a formal public consultation, to gather views on proposals to construct a new school building on the site of the former St Machar Primary School and former Tillydrone Primary School. As part of the statutory consultation process, we are obliged to consult with parents of children who could be expected to attend one of the affected schools within the next two years, so I am writing to invite you to submit any views you may have on the proposals, before a decision is made by Councillors early next year.

The proposals are intended to address the growing numbers of pupils attending Riverbank School and St Peter's School, and to ensure that we have enough space in our schools in the future to accommodate these pupils. The proposals are also intended to help identify an alternative building for St Peter's School to relocate to, as the condition of the current school building is not satisfactory.

Two options are being suggested as part of this consultation, and we are inviting interested groups and individuals to comment on which of these options they feel would be most suitable.

The options are:

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Option A

- To construct a new school building on the site of the former St. Machar School and former Tillydrone School, to relocate St Peter's RC School to this new building, and to create a new shared campus on this site, incorporating St. Peter's RC School, a new one-stream non-denominational school, and early education and childcare facilities; and:
- To create a new primary school zone to be served by the new non-denominational school, with effect from August 2019; and:
- To amend the existing Riverbank School zone to allow for the creation of the new school zone, with effect from August 2019; and:
- The new school building to be operational with effect from 1st January 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Or:

Option B

- To construct a new three stream non-denominational school building with early education and childcare facilities on the site of the former St. Machar School and former Tillydrone School, and to relocate Riverbank School to this new building; and:
- To relocate St. Peter's School into the current Riverbank School building; and:
- The new school building and relocated schools to be operational with effect from January 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Any changes to the Riverbank school zone would apply only to families applying for places at the school for the first time; children already attending the schools and any younger siblings still to attend school would not be affected as a result of these proposals.

Your comments on the above two options are most welcome.

The consultation Proposal Document, which includes full details of the proposals and maps showing the location of the proposed new school building, along with the current zone boundaries and proposed changes, are available on the Council's web site, at:
www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Tillydrone-OldAberdeen.

You are encouraged to submit your views by writing to:

Tillydrone/Old Aberdeen Consultation
Education and Children's Services
Aberdeen City Council
Business Hub 13
Second Floor North
Marischal College
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or by e-mailing: schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Comments must be submitted by **5.00pm on Friday 9 December 2016**, when the formal consultation period will end.

A number of public consultation meetings to discuss the Council's proposals will be held, as follows:

- Tuesday 29 November 2016, 7pm to 8pm at St Peter's School
- Wednesday 30 November 2016, 7pm to 8pm at St Peter's School
- Thursday 1 December, 7pm to 8pm at Riverbank School
- Wednesday 7 December, 3.30pm to 4.30pm at St Peter's School
- Thursday 8 December, 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Riverbank School

Members of the public are invited to attend any one of the above meetings; it will not be necessary to attend more than one meeting.

Arrangements can be made for a translator to attend the public meetings, to assist those whose first language is not English. If you would find this helpful, please contact us.

Following the consultation period, a final Consultation Report will be presented to Councillors at a meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee, in February 2017. The report will include a summary of comments received during the consultation period, including those made at the public meeting, along with the Council's responses to those comments. It is at this stage that Councillors will make a final decision on whether to implement one of the proposed options.

Should you have any questions about the consultation process, please write to us or send an e-mail using the addresses above. I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Jones', is displayed within a light grey rectangular box.

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