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Please tick (✓) applicable box

Agree

Disagree

(Optional) Please provide reasons for your response:

- St Peter's overcapacity for many years now, children being educated in inadequate surroundings
- Grade 'C' building, unacceptable to continue
- Needs ELC provision on site
- Room to grow roll of St Peter's
- Keep the school community up to date on progress of move.

Are there any other comments you have about the proposal for St. Peter's RC School?

- The investment proposed to accompany a move to Riverbank and bring the building up to 'A' grade must be approved as a sign of goodwill to a community that has felt abandoned for years by the council.
- Bringing Riverbank up to 'A' grade would maximise the council's investment in the St Peter's Community for the future.

Thank you for your comments.

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IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME THAT THE COUNCIL'S PROMISE TO UPGRADE RIVERBANK TO A GRADE CAN OR WILL BE HONOURED, GIVEN THAT THE PROMISES TO INVEST IN ST. PETER'S MINOR UPGRADING AT THE PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN HONOURED.

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THIS WHOLE PROCESS HAS BEEN A REAL EYE-OPENER ABOUT HOW LITTLE ABERDEEN COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ACTUALLY MATTER TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

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I agree with the above, provided the current Riverbank school is upgraded to category 'A' prior to St. Peter's relocating as this would be difficult and time consuming to achieve once the move had taken place.

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I agree with the proposal to relocate St. Peter's R.C. School into the refurbished Riverbank School building....

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St Peter's RC School Consultation

Email Submissions

12/3/19 - Comment

I live xxx a stone throw from the above school it offered my family much need support in time of need due to illness my gran child attended this school in my community .I feel Old Aberdeen will be at a great loss of this school offering a meeting of people who all come from different sources from university to cultural backgrounds .This puts the New into Old Aberdeen keeping it alive with the noise of children and helping parents who work within Aberdeen university choosing St Peters for. There children . Helping us the people who live a stone throw away on quiet streets an opportunity of seeing a new face on a daily basis to take this away this school is leaving an Old Aberdeen for the Old remembering there childhood and returning to maybe start there families of there own money cannot buy this a building like this should be upgraded and kept alive instead of silents and decay.

St Peter's RC School Relocation Consultation 2019 : Online Responses

Status	Primary School Name / Other	Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the proposal to relocate St. Peter's RC School into the existing Riverbank School building, after the new replacement Riverbank School has opened with effect from August 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter? - yes/no	Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the proposal to relocate St. Peter's RC School into the existing Riverbank School building, after the new replacement Riverbank School has opened with effect from August 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter? - Comments (Option A)	Are there any other comments you have about the proposal for St. Peter's RC School? - Other Comments
Primary parent	St Peter's RC School	Agree	<p>Benefits</p> <p>(1) Riverbank School has a more modern and spacious facility.</p> <p>(2) It gives room for St Peter's expansion which is not obtainable at current location.</p> <p>(3) The proposed investments to upgrade the Riverbank School before St Peter's moves in will uplift the facility to A rating which can also be classed as part of the area's regeneration.</p> <p>(4) Relocation will attract local pupils. The moral teachings at St Peter's as a faith school could help to reduce crime in the area.</p> <p>Concerns</p> <p>(a) Riverbank school is located in a deprived area of the city and could dissuade some parents to pull their children out of St Peter's upon once relocated in 2022</p> <p>(b) Worried that the proposed upgrade investment is just a ploy to get our nod as the financial status of the council is a public knowledge (Council is under financial difficulty)</p>	With St Peter's having lost the bid to move into the new school to Riverbank School, it is a matter of justice and fairness to spend the money required to upgrade Riverbank School to A rating for St Peter's to move in.
Primary parent	St Peters RC Primary School	Agree	I think this is great opportunity for the children development, more green space is fantastic!	My concern is the school transport that children who live in Bridge of Don area are entitled and because of the reduced mileage distance those children might have been refused school transport.
Primary parent	St. Peters RC Prys. School	Agree		
Primary parent	St. Peter's Primary School	Agree	I still prefer for St. Peter's to have a new building but given that is not anymore possible, I agree as long as the improvements promised will be fulfilled.	
Other	St Peter's RC	Agree	<p>The current premises are totally unsuitable, too small and unfit for purpose. The school roll far exceeds the accommodation provided in the main building which was adapted originally for a four-class school due to a falling roll. Since moving from Nelson Street, forty years ago, the roll has continued to increase. The growing demand for places in the school was met with the provision of porta cabins (never meant as a permanent arrangement) thirty years ago.</p> <p>Riverbank School will provide the accommodation required, with a large amount of money and work, to bring it up to the standard expected today for the education and welfare of the children of this city.</p>	I sincerely hope that the work required at Riverbank School will be carried out quickly and efficiently so as to make the move from their current location on time and with the least disruption to St. Peter's pupils, staff and parents.
Other		Agree	<p>I agree for the following reasons:</p> <p>+ the new premises is much larger than the present building enabling there to be more and bigger classrooms</p> <p>+ the dining and gymnasium facilities would be separate</p> <p>+ there is a larger playground</p> <p>+ larger parking area</p> <p>+ money is going to be spent to upgrade the the present Riverbank School building to grade 'A' status before St Peter's moves in</p>	It is good that money is going to be spent to upgrade the present Riverbank School building to grade 'A' status before St Peter's moves in and that the facilities are much larger than the present St Peter's.
Other		Agree	The current school is overcrowded and there are no more options for providing extra teaching areas. Some classroom have no natural light and there is limited room for quiet areas etc. There is also no nursery provision at present. Although doing their very best the teachers are restricted due to lack of space and reliable ICT provision necessary for teaching in the 21st Century. The building is really no longer fit for purpose.	I agree to the proposal to relocate St Peter's school on the understanding that the full package of upgrades and improvements set out in the proposal to bring the school up to Category 'A' are carried out before pupils are relocated.
Other	Teacher at St. Peter's RC School	Agree	<p>I agree to St. Peter's RC School moving to the existing Riverbank School building so long as the following points are considered and addressed:</p> <p>1) Upgrades - That the agreement to raise the existing Riverbank school to a Grade A status is fulfilled. Riverbank School is in need of maintenance and upgrades in its current condition.</p> <p>2) Main Entrance - Currently the gates to the main entrance can become an access issue for people getting in and out at the same time. This would need to be addressed to ensure ease of access.</p> <p>3) Seaton to Tillydrone Bus - Currently a number of families attend St. Peter's RC School from Seaton, when moving to the existing Riverbank site, these families will have a good distance to walk. Some families may fall within the 2 mile distance required for transport to be arranged, however some may just fall on the border. Access for these families needs to be considered, for example, a new public bus route could be implemented which travels through Seaton and Tillydrone.</p> <p>4) Parking - A number of staff travel by car to work for a number of reasons. A number of families also drive their children to school as well as there being transport (bus and taxi) for some families at our school. At peak times, there can be a high amount of traffic and given Dill Road is not particularly wide, access in and out of the car park entrance and junction will cause increased congestion. Furthermore, due to the small amount of parking available at Riverbank, it may result in double parking taking place by parents and staff causing further access issues, especially when curriculum development time requires staff to be at another location within the city and they need to leave the site promptly after school. Therefore I feel the amount of parking spaces needs to be addressed.</p>	It would have been good to have seen time taken to look into moving St. Peter's RC School completely into the attached council buildings (laboratory and archives). I believe this was not a financially viable option and so was not pursued.
Other	Staff Member	Agree	<p>Classrooms will be in one location instead of being split as they are at present at Dunbar Street.</p> <p>Nursery facilities which St. Peters RC School do not have,</p> <p>More outdoor space for the children to learn and play.</p>	Will Riverbank be up graded before St.Peters relocate ? when I visited Riverbank I noticed a few issues.
Other	staff	Agree	I agree subject to the promises made to refurbish the school and upgrade car parks and outdoor spaces are carried out as planned.	

			<p>There appears to be no other option put on the table. I have a number of concerns which I would appreciate being addressed-</p> <p>Car parking: the car park is small and would not accommodate staff and visitor parking. Could this be looked at?</p> <p>How are children going to get to the new school site from the Seaton area? It is too far to expect young children to walk and there is no public transport. Would these children receive free transportation?</p> <p>Riverbank school will be receiving a brand new building. St Peter's pupils and staff are inheriting a used school. Will all refurbishments be in place before the children moved in and would they be of as high a standard as a new school?</p>	
Other		Agree		
				<p>When the proposal states 'existing' Riverbank school what work will be done to ensure it has been refurbished or redecorated?</p> <p>Will work be carried out before entry to Riverbank?</p> <p>What guarantees are there that this will take place and budget cuts etc will not stop this work from happening?</p> <p>Will furniture and tables etc be removed so St Peter's school can get new furniture and resources rather than old things?</p>
Other	teacher at the school	Agree		
			<p>Our current site is no longer fit for purpose and this situation has got to be resolved. Although our staff work very hard to make the best of what we have available, the learning experience of our pupils is constrained by the layout of the building with a split site, narrow corridors, small windows and a limited amount of space for outdoor learning. I agree with the proposal to relocate St Peter's to a larger site where children can access a 21st century education. All classes will be in one building and there is a nursery and space for an on-site After-School Club. There is also lots of outdoor space with varied play areas and options for outdoor learning. The officers have recommended improvements which would bring the standard of the Riverbank building from a 'B' to an 'A' category. I agree with the proposal to relocate St Peter's RC School into the Riverbank School building as long as the works which are recommended in section 3.14 of the proposal document are actually carried out prior to St Peter's relocating there.</p>	<p>I thank everyone involved in seeking solutions to continue to provide a Catholic education for pupils whose families seek it. The proposal to move to a bigger site gives us room to support children and their families in more modern accommodation. I welcome the ongoing support for the distinctive character of our school as a community of faith and learning. I hope that the statue of our founder, Priest Gordon, will be moved to our new school and that consideration could be given to the inclusion of a chapel to support the spiritual development of our pupils in partnership with the wider community. I believe that the Riverbank site is in a good location for transport links with our catchment area but I do have concerns about families from Seaton having a long journey to Riverbank. Change is uncomfortable and we have great sentimental attachment to our current site. Officers have included the Parent Council and the Catholic Church in discussions leading to this proposal and I hope that there would be ongoing communication about improvements to bring the existing Riverbank School up to a category 'A' school.</p>
Other		Agree		
			<p>Only accepting if all the changes that have been proposed to bring the school up to A standard are done.</p> <p>Very important things to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The size of the car park. I have visited the nursery during the day and there has been no space for me to park. Visiting specialists and people who are visiting the school for meeting need to be able to park and no have to use resident parking opposite. <p>The road to the school entrance is very narrow. This would not be safe for children coming to school. Consideration needs to be made about how to make safe routes to school.</p> <p>A large proportion of our school pupils come from Seaton. There are no public transport links from King street to near Riverbank. There needs to be some sort of link made so that parents who don't drive are able to take their children to school. If there is not an easy link then parents will send their children to a school that they can walk to easily.</p>	
Other	Teacher	Agree		
Other	Teacher at St Peters RC Primary School	Agree		Would propose we do not move in to the existing building without redecoration and new furniture.
			<p>As St. Peter's RC school Parent Council, we feel that our agreement in this vote is conditional - if Aberdeen City Council brings the Riverbank school to A grade and carries out all investments we will be fairly happy to go ahead with the relocation (although it will still be a big unknown, big challenge, etc.) At the moment, we feel that there is a lot of loose discussions, generous promises made, but nothing is firm and 100%. It all really depends on decisions that will be made by the City Council in the forthcoming years. This uncertainty makes this consultation process very difficult.</p>	
Primary parent	St. Peter's RC School	Agree		No
Primary parent	St Peter's	Disagree	<p>I dont want my child to go to school in such a horrible area like Tillydrone.</p> <p>Also if riverbank gets new building why can't St. Peter's?</p>	No
Primary parent		Disagree		
Primary parent	st peter	Disagree	<p>I can not understand why st peter can not have a brand new school. Those facilities(chaple, big hall, massive play ground, first aid room, staff room etc) that are lacking in st peters, can we find them in river bank? If yes, st peter can move to riverbank. If no, I still insist, st peter gets a brand new school building.</p>	The council know where best it could be built
			<p>I don't believe that this is a good option to relocate the catholic school into the Tillydrone area as this is a quite dangerous area and our kids might be at risk walking/being there. Obviously they will be under a supervision of teachers and childminders etc, but I don't think is enough to protect the kids from bullying and mocking.</p> <p>I still insist that our kids and teachers deserve to get a newly built school rather than again a second hand building.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it is a bad traffic to get to St.Peters' school. I disagree with that as believe that getting back to town from the Riverbank school will be even more challenging. One way road next to St.peters school ensures that roads are quiet and save also.</p> <p>One more objection - there is no promise that in case of a relocation to the second hand school the Riverbank school would get all those improvements mentioned at the consultation meeting in March 2019. Our kids might end up in a dangerous area, in a worn out school, much further from their homes.</p>	
Primary parent	St. Peter's Primary	Disagree		Please provide a newly built school for our catholic community in Aberdeen.
			<p>Currently I disagree with the proposal to relocate St. Peter's into existing Riverbank building, due to the fact, that there is no funding approval for the proposed investment works, which could change condition and suitability from B to A. This aspect is especially important and significant to me, as proposed school environment and surroundings are inferior compared the current St. Peter's location (neighbourhood). Upgrades to school buildings could balance that aspect.</p>	
Primary parent	St. Peter's RC School	Disagree	<p>If I have assurance that investment/upgrade of Riverbank from B to A will go ahead then I will agree with the proposal to relocate St. Peter's to current Riverbank School building.</p>	No

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Primary parent	St. Peter's RC School	Disagree		
Primary parent	St Peter's Primary	Disagree	I disagree, because at the beginning of our consultations the City Council gave us hope that we would have a new school built for us. Years back, while choosing a school for my children, I was looking for a school with a small community and a friendly atmosphere and St Peter's met all my expectations. I would really like this to stay and build a new school for us or stay in this location.	
Primary parent	St Peter's RC Primary School	Disagree	This question is pathetic and I would prefer not to answer it. What choice have we got! I don't think that St Peter's school can remain in the current building as it is inadequate and lacks space. It's the only school in Aberdeen that's conditions are rated "poor" since years. This has a significant impact on the children's learning experience and the staffs working environment. Over the time I have now come to the conclusion that the old Riverbank school site is the only thing that we are going to get, despite very different promises at the beginning of the process. We were promised a new school on a site that would be chosen together with the parent community. I am not unrealistic if there is no money, there is no money for a new school. However, City council officials should have been clear and honest about this from the start and not have raised expectation that then were again and again disappointed. This process has driven the St Peter's community into a position where parents feel ignored, frustrated and not listened to. And I am sure this is going to be reflected in the numbers of people who attend the consultation meetings and will take part in this online consultation. Please be aware that this is not a reflection of parents not being interested in their children's education but a reflection that parents feel frustrated and powerless. Be reassured that at the begging of this process the participation and interest was very different. I have heard form multiple parents comments such as "What is the point, they are going to do anyway what they want" and I am afraid that I could say nothing to reassure them. I feel that the children of St Peter's School have been let down by the City Council. They have been taught for years now in a building that is not considered fit for purpose and is overcrowded. Whilst pupils from another school who have been taught in a building that is not overcrowded and is providing an appropriate learning environment are getting a new school our children have to take what is left over. A hand down school in an area that parents are worried about and where we feel we might not be welcome. I am under no illusion we are going to move to Riverbank as there is no money for anything else. However, the least that the City Council can do is to provide the financial means to upgraded the old Riverbank school to rate A standards.	see above
Primary parent	St Peters	Disagree	This school requires refurbishment and an increase to the size of the playground area before it would be acceptable for them to move into the school.	St Peters community have been extremely patient throughout this entire process and they have to work within a school that is in dire condition. I would hope that given it will be another 3 to 4 years until a solution is available, I would hope that the school playground is revamped in the meantime. This would make such a difference to the morale and the opportunities and the outcomes.
Primary parent	St Peter's RC Primary School	Disagree	St Peter's community was repeatedly promised a new-build school in previous years. Representatives of the school participated in a working group with council officers to progress such proposal. The council officers chose to ignore their contribution entirely in their report to the Education Committee. The council's u-turn on this matter is shameful. By relocating St Peter's to Riverbank School the Council is knowingly giving a faith school the second best. Non-denominational schools in the area have been or will be provided with purpose-built, state-of-the-art facilities. This smacks of discrimination and is presumably linked to the £15 million given to St Joseph's a couple of years ago, suggesting that since one Catholic school has been invested in, others cannot be similarly supported. It remains to be seen whether the money to upgrade the existing facilities at Riverbank School can be really be found in the current challenging fiscal circumstances, given that this decision will not be taken in the Education Committee but at a Budget Committee meeting. However for the sake of the long-suffering St Peter's community, this protracted, mismanaged and frankly laughable process needs to end somehow.	
Local resident		Disagree	I am a RC, however I feel quite strongly that a RC school has no place in the city. I am a pensioner, but as a child I was brought up as a Roman Catholic and attended mass and Sunday school. My mother and her family decided to put me to a normal state school, and as a result I got the religious education from both sides of the fence. And benefited from it. I consider it wrong that we segregate children, who don't understand, at an early age and allow segregation of any sort in Aberdeen. This school should be closed and not relocated.	As above
Local resident		Disagree	St Peters should be closed and the current pupils attend their local school. But why have denominational schools? If you are providing schools on religious grounds- where is the school for pupils who follow Islam? Why waste money- as a council you have a huge deficit and could save a large amount of money by closing these buildings and relocating pupils to local schools.	As above
Primary parent / Local resident	St Peters	Disagree	the school deserves better. They should be given a new school. Perhaps if the council didn't decide to move into the Marschal building they would have over 100 million extra money to reward schools and roads with instead of somewhere shiny to sit down in.	
Pre-5 parent		Disagree	The additional distance from the current location to Riverbank school means our children (both pre 5 years) would be unlikely to be able to attend St Peters despite it being our top choice of school. We live and work locally and do not have a car. Dill Road is too far to manage daily drop offs and pick ups as we both work fulltime. St Peters school has long been an attractive option for families in the area, particularly the university community. I believe the change in location to Dill Road would have a significant negative impact on enrolment for local families. It may also deter families with young children from settling in the area which is a long standing concern for the local community. I strongly advocate the need for a solution other than moving St Peters to Dill Road.	

Local resident / pre-5 parent		Disagree	<p>As Old Aberdeen local resident and mum of nursery child I disagree with relocation of the school to Tillidrone, this will make the school less accessible than currently.</p> <p>I believe that what attracts parents to the school are location, accessibility, school ethos and achievements. All those currently contribute to oversubscription of St Peter's. Relocating St Peters would make a dent in at least two of those qualities. Once I understand that the car access is not the best and has an impact on local residents it has to be considered that current location is on route of major public transport infrastructure and developing the site in this area could see improvements. Especially having in mind the size of the catchment area for the school.</p> <p>In addition I believe that heritage building should be preserved, adapted as they are what makes this city. So in my opinion the resources should be poured to development of existing site not relocation.</p>	<p>Once I understand the need to address current situation I believe as stated above that all efforts should be made to preserve the school and improve current estate. Renovations once costly can hugely revitalise local communities and given investment in local area (University) to enhance historic properties of the campus I believe all efforts should be made to do the same for the school. I'm strongly against move to recycled facility which after 6 years of use require major renovations and investment to make it apt. I would much rather see the same money being spend around Old Aberdeen.</p>
Other	Class teacher at St Peters school	Disagree	<p>I think Riverbank school is a great size with some good facilities however I struggle with the wording of the proposal "relocating into the existing Riverbank school". After numerous visits to the premises, there is a lot of refurbished required for the building to receive a Category A rating. I would disagree with the proposal unless the promise of adequate refurbishment was met.</p>	<p>Pupils not to be moved schools until the Riverbank school is brought up to a category A rating. No transitions made until refurbishments are completed fully.</p>
Other	Teacher	Disagree	<p>As a member of staff who knows first hand the problems which staff at St Peter's overcome on a daily basis in order to provide the children with rich learning experiences, I am well aware of the massive difference an upgrade in resources would bring to both teachers, staff and the school community. I find it therefore concerning at the wording of the question, specifically the word 'existing'. It is disappointing enough that the council could not find a way to give St. Peter's a brand new school in the way they are with Riverbank however it is even more worrying at the prospect of moving into Riverbank as it exists just now. St. Peter's children and staff deserve a complete upgrade. To do anything other than this would not show equity.</p>	

Dear Mrs Thies,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Council's proposal to relocate St Peter's School to the site currently occupied by Riverbank School from August of 2022.

What follows is the response of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen.

I am sorry that you are unable to offer St Peter's a new building. For a number of years the school has not been well served in relation to the quality of the facilities available to pupils and staff. I understand that St Peter's is the only school in Aberdeen City currently deemed by the Council to be poor in terms of facilities and accommodation. However, I accept the reality that funding is not available for a new school.

I am supportive of the Council's proposal as outlined in the proposal document. However, I wish to emphasize that this support is for the proposal in its entirety; including the improvements to the Riverbank building described in Section 3.14 of the proposal document.

I hope this is clear and helpful and I look forward to continued co-operation between the Council and the Diocese in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

John Murray

on behalf of

Rt Rev Hugh Gilbert OSB
Bishop of Aberdeen.

St Peter's RC School Relocation Consultation 2019 : Responses from Pupils

Our visit to Riverbank

The headteacher and a Pupil Support Assistant took eleven pupils to visit Riverbank (three P3, two P3/4 and six P4) on 14th March. It took us about 20 minutes to walk there.

Riverbank pupils and staff made us very welcome. We thought it was so nice. There was so much room for everyone to play and learn.

It was good that there were different doors for children to come into the classrooms straight from the playground instead of all crowding through one door near the hall.

The playground is so big and there is grass so everyone doesn't get hurt off the stone.

It was good to see the big hall for games as well as the other hall to eat. There were lots of basketball hoops and a projector in the new hall. You didn't see the bricks on the wall. It was all new.

It was so nice that there was a special playground for the nursery and a separate one for P1 so they wouldn't get lost.

There was a room for music and a library. There was lots of room for lunchboxes next to the cloakrooms. The toilets were near the classes.

We like the Family Room for meetings.

We had a bit of a worry about getting lost but we could make signs and put them up.

We took lots of photos and then went to the P1, P2 and P3 classes to talk about our visit. We talked to P3/4, P4, P5, P5/6, P6 and P7 in assembly and asked them to tell us what they thought about maybe moving our school to Riverbank.

P2 thoughts about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

What do you think about the planned move?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I liked it when I was there for nursery.- It's very giant and big.- There's lots of room to play and the classrooms are colourful and light.- When you are tired, there is space to rest.- There's lots of grass.- The classrooms are nice.- The lunch hall is big.- There are no holes or rocks in the playground.
Any worries?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- It's really really far away.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mum says there are no shops nearby.
Any questions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Is there First Aid?- Can we build some things in the playground?

P3 thoughts about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

<p>What do you think about the planned move?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I feel comfortable in this school. It's like we like the clothes that fit, not those that flop around. - We don't know what to expect. - I'm going to miss this school. - I like the colour black and the building is black at the front. It looks new. - I'll see the same friends. - The playground is big so the bigger kids won't annoy us. - It's good that there are two halls. We could give names to the halls.
<p>Any worries?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school is very big. We might get lost. - There may be different people and we don't want to get separated from our friends. - I like the climbing wall at our school and I want to make sure there will be a climbing wall. - If it's very big, we will need signs. - I live too far away. - I'm worried about little people getting lost. - I worry about the people from Seaton getting there.
<p>Any questions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will we have the same teachers? - What if there's not enough equipment? - How will I remember where things are? - Can parents get there? - Will we get buses? - Why can't we just add a bit to this school?

P4 questions about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

“How did they come up with the idea to give us this big school?”

“Are we going to be there for P7?”

“What's going to happen to the Priest Gordon statue?”

“Is there equipment for older kids?”

”Is the nursery still going to be there?

“Is the playground going to be bigger?”

“Will there be a P7 area?”

P5 discussion on 18th March about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

<p>Would you like to move to Riverbank School?</p> <p>Yes – 11 No – 3 Not sure – 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need more space - Our playground is not always safe - Riverbank has more space and more suitable grounds. - We like the community and our current school's surroundings - Too far for some people - More resources and space in Riverbank school. - They have separate halls for gym and lunch room - We are spread across 3 buildings, difficult to get around - Separate toilets for lunch time
<p>Any worries?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of new children moving into the school - We could get easily lost in such a big school. - Very close to other houses – stranger danger - Big transition for pupils currently in the school - Difficult for younger pupils to understand the change - Emergency exits - Moving around larger school – more time consuming - Brexit might cause some to move away from the UK
<p>Any questions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What will happen with this school? - Will there still be bus and taxi? - Would children from Riverbank School move to our school? - Would we still have 11 classes or would we get more? - Would the rules of the school change? - Would they change the name of Riverbank School?

P6 thoughts about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We will have all left primary school but it will affect those with younger brothers and sisters.- A school is important for a community.
Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The school is very big. Little brothers and sisters might get lost.- Distance to travel.
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What will happen to our old school?- Will there be transport?

P7 thoughts about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

<p>What do you think about the planned move?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's a good idea to have way more space and classrooms. - It's a good idea that there are lots of places to learn indoors and outdoors. I like the idea of the outdoor classroom. - I think it is a good thing that all the children can be in the one building.
<p>Any worries?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will everyone get there? - The playground might be too big and children might get lost.
<p>Any questions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will the children get there if they live in Seaton? - What will they do with this school? Will they give it to a smaller school? - Will the school still be called St Peter's? - Will there be more buses and taxis for Seaton etc or will it just be for the bus and taxi children now? - Will they keep all the furniture that is in the school already? - Where will our whiteboards and resources go? - Can the children who already go to Riverbank and want to go to St Peter's in the same building, can they move schools? - What will our new St Peter's School be called when we move? - Where will the new Riverbank School be built?

P3/4 thoughts about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

Agree : 10

Disagree: 3

<p><u>We agree because:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is bigger and has more classrooms. • The classrooms look bigger. • It has so much space. • We will have a nursery. • It has a bigger playground and we will have a nursery. • It has a nursery. • It has different playgrounds for different year groups. • There is a library and lots of computers. I could go to the library and read books as well as going to Tillydrone library. • I like the school because I went to nursery there and it is bigger and has a bigger playground so you can run around more. • There are 2 halls, one for assembly and one for food.
<p><u>We are concerned because:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's a long way to walk to school because it is far from my house . - It is too big and I might get lost. - The children and staff might not stay at the school. - The playground is very small at Riverbank. - Will you actually build an all-weather pitch? - People might get lost because it is so big. - If you don't have a car you have to walk. - There is a broken fence. When you close it, it still opens from the back. I would like that fixed first. - There could be more garden space to grow things.

P5/6 questions about the possible relocation to Riverbank School

Are you happy about the move to Riverbank? Is it a nice school?

Yes - 15

No - 6

Any questions?

- What will happen to our old school?
- Could we change the playground?
- Will the things in Riverbank still be there?
- Why do we have to move?
- Why are we moving in 2022?