

## **FAQs Relating to Glashieburn and Middleton Park Statutory Consultation**

What will be the nursery provision at the proposed amalgamated school and where will it be located?

*There will be 3 x morning classes (60 pupils) and 2 x afternoon classes (40 pupils). The positioning of the nursery will be at the discretion of the Head Teacher of the proposed amalgamated school. A range of options have been developed and these will be worked upon in the coming weeks.*

Will the ASN base remain at the proposed amalgamated school?

*Yes. The provision for the Oldmachar ASG will continue at the proposed amalgamated school.*

How big will the Additional Support Needs Base be and where will it be located?

*14 places will continue to be available. Again the Head Teacher will decide how the school is best laid out. Reviewing the internal configuration of the school will provide an opportunity to consider whether the current layout is best suited to supporting pupils with additional support needs. This is an opportunity to provide an even more 'user-friendly' base provision. Children who might struggle to cope with change will receive additional support if required. It is important to note that not all children with additional support needs spend all their time in 'base provision'.*

Will my out of zone child get a place at the proposed amalgamated school?

*Pupils already attending Glashieburn and Middleton Park as a result of placing requests would continue at the amalgamated school until the end of their primary career. New requests will be considered using the existing policy which applies to all schools.*

Will my out of zone nursery child get a place at the proposed amalgamated school?

*In common with current practice, across all schools all out of zone Nursery pupils have to re-apply for the Primary 1 place. Again in line with Aberdeen City Council policy, if a place is available without the need for creation of a new class or employment of additional staff, a place will be offered.*

Will a sibling of an out of zone child get a place at the proposed amalgamated school?

*In the same policy, out of zone siblings can be offered an available place. If a waiting list is required, siblings have a higher priority.*

Where will I park when taking my child to the proposed amalgamated school?

*Aberdeen City Council does not encourage parents/carers to drive to school and would not provide such parking. Parents/carers with mobility issues can request special arrangements.*

How many teaching areas will the proposed amalgamated school have?

*The current building has 24 available teaching areas, plus 4 general purpose areas. It would not be the intention, nor would there be a need, for all these spaces be required as the 'home base' for a single class. We are not proposing that 24 classes would be established in the proposed amalgamated school.*

Why are you unable to provide detail on the configuration of the teaching areas that we feel is necessary to make a decision?

*This would be the responsibility of the Head Teacher and there are numerous possible ways to configure the necessary accommodation. We will work with staff in school to implement any necessary re-configuration.*

Why is the statutory consultation document virtually identical to that of another proposal?

*Many of the issues in both proposals are similar. The standardised format of statutory consultation documents is also reflected in the similarity of the documents.*

Why are opinions (e.g. roll forecasts) presented as factual throughout the document with no detail as to how they were derived?

*The roll forecasts are clearly stated as being based upon 2012 school census. The detail on how they were derived is available in the introduction to the 2012 based School Roll Forecasts which can be downloaded from the Stats and Facts section on the Aberdeen City Council website at*

*<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=49086&sID=332>*

*We have consistently stated that forecasts are predictions based upon certain assumptions, using previous experience and a wide range of data and other information, as is current local authority practice and policy.*

Can you explain the rezoning component of the document as both Danestone and Brimmond schools are mentioned and it is not clear?

*The re-zoning component is a two stage process.*

*In this consultation, we are consulting on adding the part of the current Middleton Park zone within Grandhome to the part of Brimmond (formerly Bucksburn) zone which lies to the North of River Don (see map in consultation document). It is not anticipated that this proposal will have an impact on many families as the area concerned is undeveloped at this time.*

*At a later date, likely to be April-June 2014, we will carry out a further re-zoning consultation on the creation of new zones within Grandhome development. As an interim arrangement, the first pupils from new houses in the Grandhome development will attend Danestone School and Oldmachar Academy, unless a request to another school is made under placing request legislation.*

Are the teaching staff able to comment to parents on the proposals?

*Staff should not express personal views directly to parents as this might be interpreted as an official Council position.*

How do the teaching staff contribute to the statutory consultation process?

*Staff are statutory consultees and we will provide an opportunity for them to meet with officer. They can also submit views in writing or by email at any point during the consultation period. In addition, the unions have been advised that they, too, can make submissions should they wish to do so.*