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To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed submissions from some Middleton Park School p7 pupils regarding the proposal to close Glashieburn and Middleton Park Schools and to establish an amalgamated school within the existing Glashieburn building and campus.

They hope their views and concerns regarding the above proposal will be taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

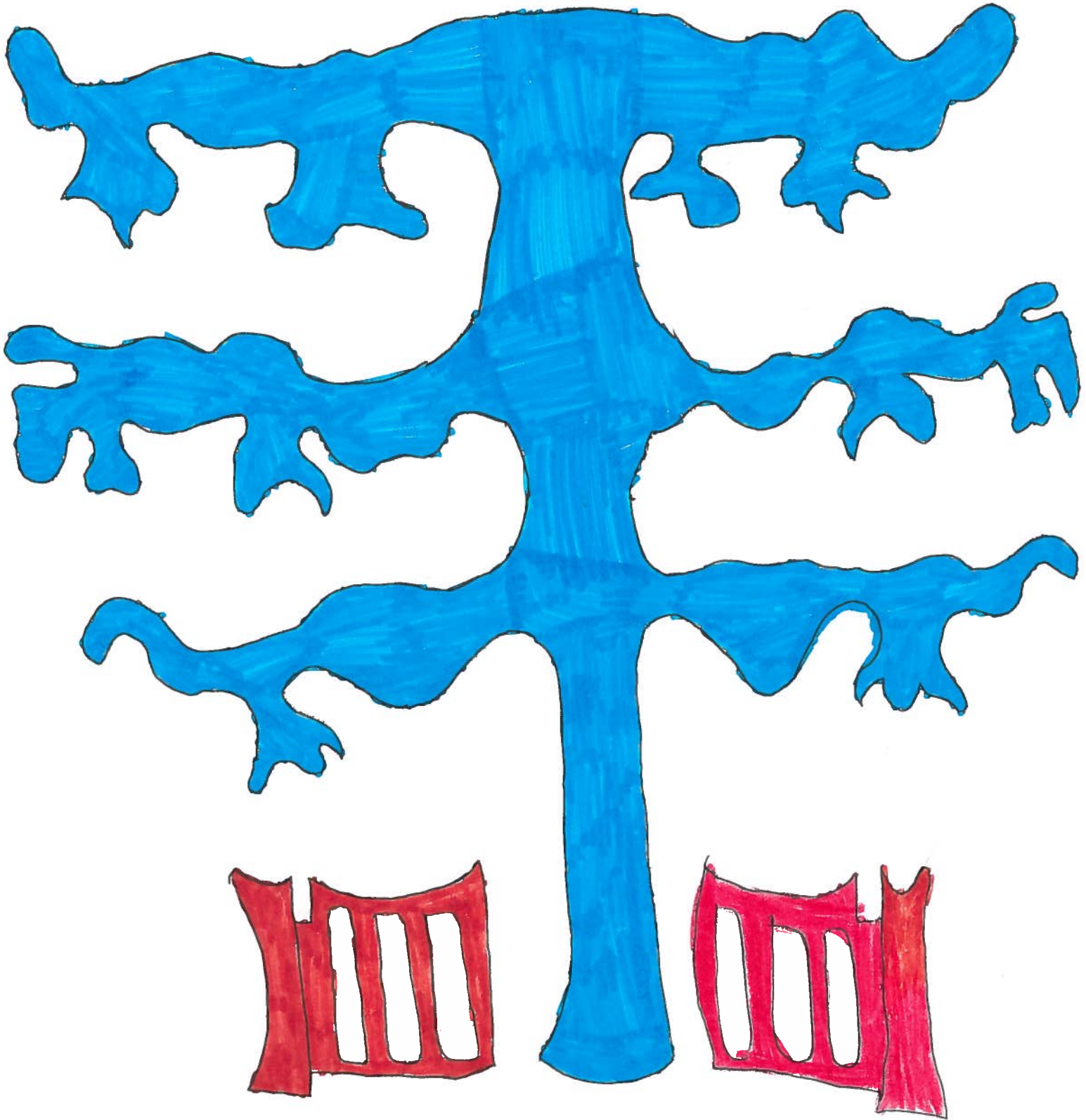


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Encl. : Middleton Park School p7 submissions

Middleton

Park



Primary

School

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1). Our

School

Middletown Park

The current head teacher

All pupils are friendly!

The P7s get chosen to help out at the nursery

Kids in condition

Big Playground and field

The Teachers are nice.

The huts are good for learning as it is quiet.

The Libr...

I like the school and class trips.

We use iPads & Mac Books.

I like a lot of responsibility

Buddies system!

2). Our

Feelings

Our Feelings

Unhappy all the pupils will be Squashed

Annoyed, Stassy, may lose jobs

Scared being with people that we don't know

Upset that we won't get the same leadership skill

Sad because we may lose friends

Feel bad, too far to walk for some children

Stress that lunchtimes too busy

3). The Merged
School

The new school
will be very
crowded.

It would be
chaotic to
get around!

The merged
school

Children with
disabilities might
not get all the
help they need.

Scary for
claustrophobic
people.

School
dinners would be
a hassle for
PSA's
& Dinnerladies.

Children will have less time to play because
of busier lunches.

4). Conclusion

Conclusion From P7's

We think it would be an idea to build a bigger school first and then put both schools together.

Gregor Todd Euan Russell

Elliott Hepworth Liam Will

Cameron Garden

Please look at the following

Link: [Middleton Park Grew Youtube](#)

5). Additional
Letters

Hi My Name is Ben McIntosh I am 11 years old and I am in P7 at Middleton Park School
I have attended Middleton Park Primary/Nursery School since the age of 3 and have had a
lot of happy memories there and lots of fab teachers

1. I don't think the school should close, because it will be a lot busyer
2. The classes will be too crowded, and if the classes are overcrowded it will be harder to learn.
- 3 The teachers will have to find a new job. This is no fair !
- 4 The road will be very busy down beside Glashieburn, and it will cause a lot of traffic in that area.
5. The boys and girls that just started Nursery won't get to go to Middleton Park Primary school.

Save our school !

Ben McIntosh

Council's proposals to close Middleton Park and merge Middleton Park School and Glashieburn School

My name is Bahar Ganjvar and I am a Primary 7 pupil and a School Captain at Middleton Park Primary School. I am against the closure of Middleton Park and I think that merging Middleton Park pupils and Glashieburn pupils will cause problems. Although I will be in academy by the time it actually happens, I am aware of the difficulties that will occur for the younger pupils.

Here are just some of the problems that will occur if the Council proceed in their plans:

- Glashieburn do not have enough room for the 160 pupils of Middleton Park and the 200+ pupils of Glashieburn, so the newly merged school would be very crowded.
- With about 30 or 40 kids in a class, the quality of education would be much lower than normal because the teacher will have many kids at different stages and would not be able to help all of them.
- Taking the kids to school would also be a massive problem because there are a small number of parking spaces in Glashieburn's school grounds, and most of the Middleton Park pupils live quite a distance away from Glashieburn and would need to go by car. This also counts for picking the children up from school. There would be bad traffic in front of the school and it would be very crowded and busy. That could potentially end up with accidents. Cars and kids...
- Some people suggested parking at ASDA but I have heard people say that it would be too far a walk for younger children.

I am very worried about the proposal to close Middleton Park and move all of the pupils to Glashieburn. I am in P7 at Middleton Park and I don't think it is a good idea to squeeze all of the Middleton Park Children into Glashieburn School. At Middleton Park we use our hall for drama, choir, assemblies and P.E. It is difficult at Middleton Park to get a slot to use the hall so I can't imagine what it would be like at Glashieburn with all the extra Middleton Park children. I currently walk to and from school but it will be too far for me to walk to Glashieburn. I would feel upset if I was to move to Glashieburn as I feel that my weekly exercise would suffer with less active time in the gym hall and not being able to walk to school.

One of my favourite things at Middleton Park is producing the schools weekly news broadcast. This involves the whole school working as a team and has to be done in a quiet area set aside for this. I'm not sure how this will work with more pupils and less quiet spaces to work in. Another great thing about Middleton Park is our big playing field which we use at playtime and for outdoor learning and sports.

Bethany Hughes P7

I think there will be no space in
Glashieburn to hold our pupils. I also think
the reason the Council are doing this is to
save money, not in the interest of
education which is sad because these
children are the future for the oil capital!

Daniel Buchan P7 Middleton Park

Middleton Park is not just a school it's a community. I have attended the (school and preschool) since I was 3 years old. My mum (who is quite old) and my auntie and my uncle all went to Middleton Park and the school is very important to all of us. The school is a perfect size and I know everyone's name. Some of the teachers have also been teaching there since my mum went to Middleton Park. The school involves the children in decisions they make and allow us to contribute and decide what we think is best for us. I and my friends are very upset about the possibility of closing our school and merging us with Glashieburn. At the moment the class sizes are perfect and each and every one of us has the teacher's attention when we need it. We are all very happy and we do not want to move to another school. Glashieburn is quite far away from my house and it would take me a long time to walk there down a dangerous road. There is also nowhere to park so I would have to walk. What would happen to our community and how could we get the same attention if we have bigger classes and less time with our teachers. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not close our school. We love it.**

Luke Scott p7

6). Our

Memories

Our Memories



Athlete Lee McConell with Middleton Park School pupils (P5), 17 January 2012 at the Jesmond centre.



Sponsored climb in May 2013.

Our Memories



The Wedding June 2013



BP workshop 4.10.13