

Primary School Provision Peterhead Community Campus

Q. Will class size double if Primary Schools are merged?

A. Class sizes will not double if primary schools are merged, there will be more classes. Class sizes will continue to follow Aberdeenshire Council Policy

P1 – 25 pupils

P2 - P3 – 30 pupils

P4 - P7 – 33 pupils

Composite classes – 25 pupils

Q. What size is the Kinmundy site? Is it large enough for what you are proposing?

A. The Kinmundy site is 30 acres. It is large enough to accommodate the Academy, two Primary Schools, a Special School, a Nursery and pitches. Community facilities can also be fully accommodated if this is the agreed site for them.

Q. Will all schools have the same start and end at the same time? Will they have the same lunch breaks?

A. The start and end times of the school day will be considered by the Campus Management Team as part of the Access Strategy for the building. Lunch and break times can be at different times however detailed engagement will take place with pupils, parents and staff as the project develops.

Q. What gym facilities will the Community Campus have for the schools?

A. There is a requirement to have sports facilities that will enable the PE curriculum to be delivered. These facilities would require to be co-located on the same site with the schools associated with the Community Campus. Facilities will be aligned with recommendations set out by Sports Scotland but would include facilities such as:

4-court games hall

gymnasium x 2

dance studio

fitness suite

grass pitches and all-weather facilities

The above facilities will also be used by community users to complement other sports and community provision that may be on the Kinmundy site and or on other locations in the town. The exact location of all community and leisure facilities have yet to be fully determined, however, engagement on this is being coordinated by Live Life Aberdeenshire officers.

Q. Will all pupils use the same entrance/exit doors?

A. There will be several access points and routes into the campus, all of which will be fully controlled through an approved access strategy. It is proposed the campus will have an open plan shared reception area for visitors. Primary and secondary pupils will have separate entrances. A standalone nursery will also

be built on the same site albeit as a separate project with expected completion in 2021.

Q. Will all schools have the same drop off/pick up points?

A. The campus will have adequate pick up/drop off space for both primary and secondary age pupils. The council will work closely with parents and pupils in assessing the appropriate drop off points.

Q. Will the roads and parking infrastructure remain the same?

A. New roads and parking infrastructure, off-road walking and cycling routes to the campus will be designed and built, following best practice guidelines and Aberdeenshire Council standards. All new infrastructure will be determined through the planning process including consultation with the Roads Department team to ensure the provision is appropriate. Involvement from the Transport Strategy Team and Public Transport Unit will also take place to ensure safe routes to school and the wider community campus are planned and identified.

Q. Will the Academy and Primaries have separate play areas outside?

A. Internal facilities such as PE will be shared facilities but used separately. Everything else such as cloakrooms, classrooms and outdoor play areas will be kept separate.

Q. Will the campus have sufficient dining room facilities?

A. Social and general purpose spaces such as dining facilities will be distributed across the campus for use by secondary pupils. Primary pupils will have separate access to a more modern cafeteria style option with a variety of different furniture options, for example circular tables and booths.

Q. Why have Dales Park and Meethill Schools been chosen to join the new campus and Burnhaven School hasn't? Why aren't the council including some of the larger schools in Peterhead, for example Clerkhill and Buchanhaven Schools? Especially when most would live closer to the new campus than the Meethill pupil's?

A. Aberdeenshire Council looks to the maximum capacity of a primary school to be no more than 600 pupils. According to government guidelines within the Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy "Connecting People, Places and Learning" Guiding Principle - The Learning Estate should be well managed and maintained, making the best of existing resources, maximising occupancy and representing and delivering best value. Education and Children's Services want to deliver improvements for the estate that will impact the greatest number of buildings, and the council aims to reduce the overall number of buildings which will result in a reduction of carbon footprint and energy consumption. Burnhaven School was not included after the options appraisal stage. Aberdeenshire Council are looking for feedback from pupils, parents and staff at this stage to help inform any future statutory consultation on which schools will be included in the community campus.

Q. Meethill voting has continued to be a majority No, why is Meethill still being considered?

A. As a result of robust data analysis officers have identified Meethill School as a viable option for consideration as part of the Community Campus. Informal feedback from parents and pupils is helping to inform the process and any future formal engagement must be carried out in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

Q. Will there be a change in the school zoning areas?

A. A new catchment area will be required for the primary school at the community campus.

Q. If Meethill School was to join the new campus what would be in the Meethill School current site?

A. Aberdeenshire Council has an Asset Disposal Policy which must be followed when assets become surplus to requirements. If Meethill School was to join the Community Campus then there would be no requirement for the Meethill School building to continue as a school. It would be the intention of Education and Children's Services to declare the building surplus to requirement, other council services will be approached to express an interest in the site. There will be opportunities for the site to be developed as green space and/or playing space. This would have to be fully assessed through the asset disposal procedure. Thereafter any surplus council sites can be subject to a Community Asset Transfer Application.

Q. Some of our pupils live in the Blackhills area and if Meethill school is forced to merge with the new campus this distance would then qualify them for transport. Who funds this?

A. Aberdeenshire Council have a statutory requirement to provide school transport for primary pupils who attend their zoned school and reside more than two miles from the school and for academy pupils who attend their zoned academy and live more than three miles from the school. It should be noted that no merger of any schools can take place without full consultation as set out within the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

Q. For primary children who would be arriving in school transport, who would supervise them between the bus drop off and the start of the school day?

A. This will be a consistent approach as with all other Aberdeenshire Primary Schools.

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