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Dear Anna Ritchie School Parent Council

Consultation on Anna Ritchie School Relocation

Thank you for attending the meeting with myself and my team held on Thursday 25 February 2021. The meeting was to address your concerns raised in respect of the Anna Ritchie School Relocation Consultation Proposal Document.

We hope you felt that the meeting was successful and allowed an opportunity to discuss and clarify the issues highlighted by the parent body.

As explained during the meeting, at this stage it is too late to amend the proposal document. However, we are committed to the following as detailed below. These will also be captured in the consultation report, following the Education Scotland involvement.

1. Anna Ritchie School will be a purpose-built facility to provide a co-located Community Resource Hub attached to the Peterhead Community Campus. It will be a secure building operating independently, with a separate entrance, outdoor area and parking.
2. The visitors' entrance will be controlled and secured with a restricted access to the building. No one will have access to the school facilities without authorisation. Transfer between the mainstream schools and the Anna Ritchie side will be operated through a swipe card access system. Mainstream students will not be able to access Anna Ritchie School without being accompanied by a staff member equipped with a swipe card.

3. Anna Ritchie School will have a dedicated outdoor area which will provide privacy. The size of the outdoor space has not been defined yet and will have to be discussed further, ensuring space standards are applied. Anna Ritchie parents have been encouraged to consider and discuss what might be required in the outdoor area so this can be incorporated into the designs.
4. Anna Ritchie School will have a separate and private dining room. The dining room will be equipped with different types of furniture and spaces for a private and shielded use if required. If Anna Ritchie pupils wish to use the campus dining spaces, they will be able to do so if it is right for them.
5. The dining area will be designed in a way that it can be used for other purposes by the school.
6. Anna Ritchie School will be provided with a hydrotherapy pool and warm water pool as per the provision that has been developed for St Andrews School at Inverurie Community Campus. Dedicated changing facilities will also be provided for pupils and staff.
7. All internal facilities will be protected and dedicated for Anna Ritchie use, but may have wider use out with school hours.
8. Anna Ritchie parents will be involved in the designs of spaces as the project develops. Each completed stage of the design will be shared with the parent body.
9. Anna Ritchie School will be an all-through facility with the school nursery operating within the school setting and will be designed as early years spaces. Dales Park Nursery, which is under construction and due to open in August 2021, will provide enhanced provision places, while Anna Ritchie School Nursery will be designed to include spaces for nursery aged children with complex needs. This approach will ensure adaptable nursery provision for children with different needs.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have further queries.

Yours sincerely

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