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Dear Anna Ritchie School Parent Council

Thank you for your letter dated 8th November 2019 outlining the position of the Anna Ritchie School Parent Council in relation to the development of Peterhead Community Campus.

As I am sure you will be aware, any change, relocation or merger of Anna Ritchie School is subject to Statutory Consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. We would hope to commence this in Spring 2020 subject to approval from the Education and Children's Services Committee. The strong feeling from parents and staff of Anna Ritchie School around the option to relocate rather than to merge with other schools is fully understood. As a result, officers will be requesting that Anna Ritchie School relocates to Kinmundy, retaining its identity in a purpose-built area of the campus and the option of a merger is removed from any proposal. We have attached a copy of the Scottish Government guide to the consultation act for parents which may be useful.

As the overall campus project evolves, we will fully involve the parent council and staff in the detailed design of the Anna Ritchie specific requirements. Significant time and effort has gone into the design of St Andrews Special School in Inverurie, with design principles which will be built upon in any new designs. Anna Ritchie students and wider community would always be respected within any proposed design ensuring there is privacy and protection including dedicated entrances, drop off, play space, private use of spaces and private dining spaces.

The Learning Estates Team will be in touch to arrange a workshop in the new year with parents and staff to establish the full requirements of Anna Ritchie School. We will incorporate the outcome from this workshop into the consultation proposal document. In addition, following completion of St Andrews Special School next year, we will arrange a tour for parents to view the facilities.

Yours sincerely,

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