

Relocation of Anna Ritchie School to Peterhead Community Campus

Peterhead Academy Pupil Engagement

1. Overview

Following a discussion with the Peterhead Academy Head Teacher a link to a survey was issued to a selection of Peterhead Academy pupils to view their feedback about the proposal.

“The current Anna Ritchie School is going to be rebuilt at the new Peterhead Community Campus site, where Peterhead Academy will be located. Both the schools are to be open from August 2025.

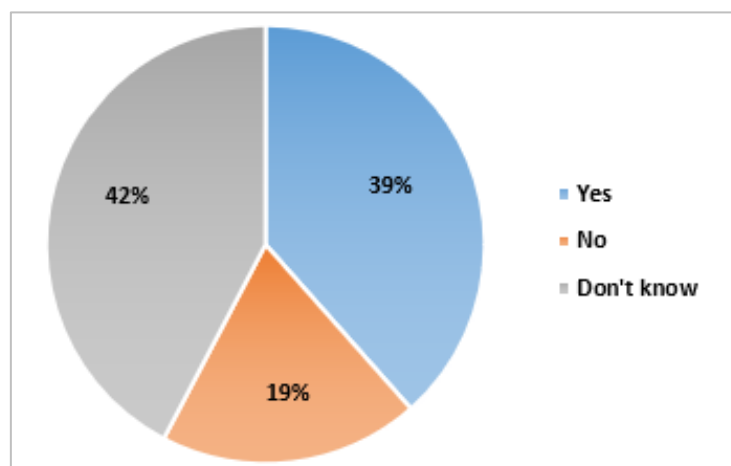
One of the things we have to do when we are thinking about building or moving a school, is to talk to all of the children to find out what they think about it. We have asked all the parents/careers what they think, and this is your chance to tell us what you think about rebuilding of Anna Ritchie School at the new Peterhead Community Campus.

- 1. Do you think that Anna Ritchie School should be moved to the new Peterhead Community Campus?*
- 2. If it is decided to move Anna Ritchie School to the campus, is there anything that excites you about it?*
- 3. If it is decided to move Anna Ritchie School to the campus, is there anything that worries you about it?”*

2. Summary of responses

Chart 1 below shows the results from the question one. In total 26 Peterhead Academy pupils responded to the survey. Of those 26, 10 (39%) supported the proposal of Anna Ritchie School relocation to Peterhead Community Campus, 5 (19%) didn't support the relocation and 11 (42%) had no opinion.

Chart 1.



Pupils were given the opportunity to leave comments on the opportunities and their concerns regarding the relocation.

21 responses were received to the question two of the survey and they are listed below:

- no/not really (11),
- older children working with younger people and getting a better understanding of the disabilities that affect people,
- everyone will feel welcome even if they have a disability,
- new scenery,
- chance for younger kids to learn from older academy students,
- allowing children to develop many relationships with their peers,
- nice for people who have friends there to be close to them,
- Anna Ritchie children will be excited for a new playground,
- kids will be able to experience what other pupils experience,
- opportunity to meet new people from a different part of Peterhead,
- it's exciting but worrying.

24 comments were received as a response to the question three and they are as follows:

- no/not really (11),
- bullying (3),
- bullies and people being mean to kids and making them feel unwelcome,
- people of the academy might hurt or torment people from Anna Ritchie School,
- they will get bullied and feel like they don't belong,
- people may take advantage of who goes to that school, they may bully or make fun of the school if the Peterhead Academy is so close to it,
- Anna Ritchie School pupils might be scared of academy pupils and sometimes academy pupils could get a bit over the top as in bullying,
- overcrowding,
- too many things going on and the focus coming off the children,
- Anna Ritchie pupils are already in a convenient and calm location for them, being part of all the hustle and bustle of secondary school might be far too overwhelming for them,
- some children might not like the new campus and want to go back to the old school,
- kids who are younger are exposed to the primary age which could cause them to feel scared and not make the same progress as pupils at Anna Ritchie currently do.

3. Conclusion

Of those Peterhead Academy pupils that participated in the survey, the vast majority are fully supportive of the move to relocate Anna Ritchie School to the Peterhead Community Campus.

It is felt that Peterhead Academy pupils are supportive and welcoming of Anna Ritchie pupils at the campus. All children would benefit from co-location. It will raise wider awareness, promote understanding of diversity and improve the learning experience for all pupils.

The main areas of concern raised by the pupils are bullying, a busy, challenging and overwhelming environment for children with complex additional support needs.