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To: Parents/Carers of pupils at St Peter’s RC School

Dear Parent/Carer

STATUTORY CONSULTATION: Proposal to relocate St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Primary School to the existing Riverbank School building

I am writing with details of the Council’s proposals to relocate St Peter’s School, from its current location in Dunbar Street, to the school building currently occupied by Riverbank School in Dill Road, after Riverbank School has moved to a new building. A public consultation process has launched today, in order to gather the views of members of the public who may be affected by this proposal.

The existing Riverbank School building will become vacant following the construction of a new replacement building for Riverbank School, which is due to open in 2021. All staff and pupils of Riverbank School are therefore expected to move to the new building after it has opened, and the existing Riverbank School will become unoccupied.

It is proposed that St Peter’s School should relocate to the existing Riverbank School building after it becomes vacant, as it would offer improved facilities and additional space, both indoors and outdoors, for the pupils and staff of St Peter’s School.

Officers have also recommended a range of improvement works to be carried out to the existing Riverbank School building, prior to any relocation of St Peter’s School, to further enhance the condition and suitability of the building. If these recommendations are approved, then the works would be carried out after the staff and pupils of Riverbank School have moved to their new building in 2021. It is expected that the improvement works would be completed in time for St Peter’s School to move to the Riverbank building from August 2022, or as soon as possible after that.
The consultation process, which has started today, Monday 4 February 2019, will therefore focus on the proposal set out below, and your comments on this are most welcome.

Proposal:

To relocate St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Primary School to the existing Riverbank School building, after the new replacement Riverbank School has opened, with effect from August 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The period of statutory consultation for this proposal will conclude on Friday 22 March 2019.

You are encouraged to submit your views about this proposal, using the Council’s Consultation Hub, from where you can also download a copy of the full proposal document for the consultation. The Consultation Hub can be accessed from here:

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/schoolsconsultations

If you would prefer to send us your comments about the proposal by post or email, you can request a written response form, by writing to:

St Peter’s RC Consultation,
Corporate Landlord, Aberdeen City Council, Business Hub 10, Second Floor South, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AB

or by email to:

schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Copies of the written response form can also be obtained from St Peter’s School, and a copy of the full proposal document is available to view at the school.

All submissions should be received by 5.00pm on Friday 22 March 2019. Public consultation meetings to discuss the Council’s proposals will be held on:

- Monday 4 March 2019, at St Peter’s School from 2pm to 3pm
- Tuesday 12 March 2019, at Riverbank School from 7pm to 8pm
- Wednesday 13 March 2019, at St Columba’s Church, Bridge of Don, from 7pm to 8pm

Members of the public are invited to attend any one of the above meetings; it would not be necessary to attend more than one meeting.

Following the consultation period, a final consultation report will be presented to the Education Operational Delivery Committee. This will include a summary of all representations received during the consultation period, including representations made at the public meetings, along with the Council’s responses to those representations. It is at this stage that the Committee will make a final decision on whether to implement the Council’s proposal.
Should you have any questions about the consultation process, please write to us or send an e-mail to us, using the addresses above. I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

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