

As a result of the recent consultation paper regarding prioritisation of pupil requests to secondary school (within EDC catchment areas in the event of over subscription) the parent council has engaged with the Head of Education to ensure the particular nature of St Nicholas is taken into account i.e. our lack of local Catholic Secondary school and as a result the historical transition to local non denominational secondary.

EDC have advised the following:

- To date there has been no over subscription to any EDC secondary school.
- Have agreed to provide EDCs 20/21 projections for Milngavie (Douglas Academy) and Bearsden (Beasden Academy and Boclair) based on catchment places (of which St Nicholas are currently included) and placing requests to give greater clarity. We will share these in due course.

As part of these discussions we have asked EDC to take into consideration the following:

- Our lack of local catholic secondary school provision setting us apart from the rest of the EDC Estate
- Potential detriment to new St Nicholas school intake and potential transfers out
- Impact on current P7s expecting to move under existing catchment policy to local secondary school and proposal to delay implementation if approved .

As parents can we please ask you to:

- Respond to the consultation providing any concerns you have.
- Communicate any concerns to your local councillors

For clarity St Nicholas is not classed as an associated school for any of the local non denominational secondary schools. This would only become an issue in the event of over subscription to these schools and if the policy is implemented as proposed.

Can I please stress that this proposal is not yet policy and is under consideration.

We will continue to keep you informed.

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St Nicholas Parent Council - Chair