

EDC Access to Secondary School Consultation - Update

Please find below latest position with regard to the EDC Access to Secondary School Consultation and ongoing engagement with EDC regarding our concerns around the proposed new policy.

Parent Council Meeting 12th November

- Key Agenda item covering Legal considerations, Archdiocese engagement (meeting held 8th November with EDC Catholic representative and St Andrew & St Joseph parish clergy), ongoing communication and public meeting attendance.
- In addition to publishing the updates to the St Nicholas website we are also proposing to join up with PA to create a joint facebook page.

Milngavie & Bearsden Public Meeting 13th November

- A huge thank you to all who attended the Public meeting at Bearsden Academy on Wednesday 13th November where we enjoyed a full house. I believe that all of our points were put across and are well understood by the Education Department.
- There was also attendance from parents/schools out with Milngavie & Bearsden who raised their own objections as well as local councillors.
- For those unable to attend there is a further public meeting at Bishopbrigg's Academy on the 25th November at 6.30pm
- Topics covered included – local school provision, cluster and continuous education, proximity to local school, planned housing prioritisation, fraudulent catchment requests, education estate management, clarification on the consultation itself, special associated placing requests e.g. sports, Gaelic & music provision and placing request clarification.
- Please note that it is EDCs intention to engage the pupil council for their view and the school will be in touch shortly with both parents and children. This is standard practice for consultations.

EDC Parent Council Forum 18th November

- The Parent Council Forum convened on the 18th November at Kirkintilloch High School.
- Key Agenda item was Admissions consultation. Attendees represented schools from all EDC catchments.
- EDC acknowledged close and early engagement with St Nicholas.
- As part of the Education Scotland report preparation there may be the opportunity for parent council representation and we have requested that we be part of that group given our circumstances. This is to be confirmed however EDC are amenable to us participating and will confirm in due course.
- Topics covered were similar to those at the public meeting.

What can you do?

1. As before please complete the consultation with our recommendation to reject based on the points below (feel free to add any others) by the 6th December

- Our lack of local catholic secondary school provision setting us apart from the rest of the EDC Estate and our right to a local education
- Potential detriment to new St Nicholas school intake and potential transfers out resulting in oversubscription to local non-denominational primary schools and a significantly under populated new £10m school.

- Impact on current P7s expecting to move under existing catchment policy to local secondary school and proposal to delay implementation if approved to following year.
 - Please complete the online form www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/schooladmissionsconsulation
2. **Contact your local councillors either by email or attend their surgeries face to face citing the objections above prior to the 6th December.**
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/search/site/councillor%20surgeries?page=1>
 3. **Contact your local parishes and Archdiocese requesting their support and consideration for us to become an associated school to Bearsden, Boclair & Douglas given our unique position.**
 4. **Continue to monitor EDC website in particular their FAQs page**
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/school-admission-faqs>
 5. **Received under FOI S1 Intake actuals for Rangers Boclair Academy and Douglas Music School.**

S1 Intake	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
Rangers/Boclair	14	5	9
Music/Douglas	<5	<5	0

Future dates to be aware of.

Public meeting	25 th November 6.30pm Bishopbrigg's Academy
Consultation End Date	6 th December 2019
Education Scotland prepare report	9 th December 2019 – 6 th January 2020
Consultation Report Published	9 th January 2020
Consultation Report Submitted to Education Committee	30 th January 2020
Notify Scottish Ministers if approval given by Council	31 st January 2020

Kind Regards

Rosemary Greenlees-Smith - Chair

St Nicholas Parent Council