

Consultation on a Proposal to Establish an Annexe to Kirkliston Primary School

Summary Paper

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On [8 October 2019](#), the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to carry out a statutory consultation proposing the establishment of an annexe to Kirkliston Primary School.

What is being proposed?

It is proposed to establish an annexe to Kirkliston Primary School next to Kirkliston Leisure Centre. The proposed annexe would be located alongside a new Early Learning and Childcare setting and would be constructed in three phases:

1. New early learning and childcare (ELC) facility;
2. New classrooms for P1
3. New classrooms for P2, if required.

The annexe will have its own dining area and servery and offices for school management and support staff. It is expected a member of the school management team would be located at the annexe along with additional teaching, support and administration staff. The existing school or the Leisure Centre will be used for P.E. and assembly.

The proposal affects all addresses in the existing Kirkliston Primary School catchment area.

There are no primary or secondary catchment changes as a result of this proposal. The existing Kirkliston community will continue to be served by one primary school.

A map showing the location of the school and the leisure centre is included within the statutory consultation paper.

Why is the annexe required?

In 2017 Kirkliston Primary School was extended to 19 classes, excluding two classroom sized GP rooms and a new gym/dining hall with a capacity of 546 pupils.

In August 2019, a temporary unit containing four classes (two classrooms and two GP rooms) was delivered. A temporary planning permission was granted to August 2023 to enable the Education Authority to identify a long term solution for primary provision in the village.

The P1 intake for 2019/20 was 99, the school roll 629 with a class organisation of 22 classes, with four classes operating at P1, P2 and P3.

An annexe is required to support the rising primary school roll that is attributed to the planned housing growth across the village that has exceeded projected pupil generation assumptions.

Annual school roll projections indicate Kirkliston Primary School's roll will grow beyond 1,000 pupils. However, in 2018 the birth rate dropped, the first significant drop since 2010, and while still high, the P1 intake for 2019 dropped for the first time in four years.

At this time, it is unclear whether the projections are overestimating the peak roll and if the requirement to extend the school to a four stream, 28 class school will be required.

The annexe will reduce pressure on the existing primary school's core facilities and school grounds.

Why relocate the junior stage?

Curriculum for Excellence is the national curriculum of experiences and outcomes for all pupils aged 3-18 years. A broad general education focussing on well planned experiences and outcomes across all curriculum areas is provided from early years to S3. The Curriculum for Excellence identifies experiences and outcomes for five levels of learning to reflect the stages of maturation of children.

Early Level covers pre-school years and P1 and adopts a holistic, supported learning environment to encourage active learning. Moving Primary 1 to an annexe with a new ELC will allow for a seamless progression in learning in an environment that promotes creative and engaging teaching approaches that will encourage health and wellbeing, participation in sport and outdoor learning. Active learning approaches continue beyond P1 into the first level (P2-P4).

The school day is also shorter for P1 and P2 who finish at 14:45, P3-P7 finish at 15:15.

The P1 annexe will be less overwhelming for them than the alternative which would be to expand and accommodate over 800 pupils on a single site, assuming the school roll grows to a four stream primary school.

At the senior stages of primary school, children take on significant responsibilities, often acting as role models for younger children and those opportunities would be lost if the senior stage of primary school was annexed.

When will the proposed change be implemented?

If the proposal is approved by the Council, and necessary consents obtained timeously to construct the building, it is expected the ELC setting will be available from August 2021 and P1 classes from August 2022.

Why are we consulting?

We want to hear the views of anyone affected by the proposals. There is also a legal obligation to carry out a statutory consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended by the Children and Young people (Scotland) Act 2014.

How will I know if my views have been considered?

All comments made during the statutory consultation period will be recorded and represented in a final 'Outcomes of the Consultation Report' that we expect to be considered by Council in April 2020. The report will be published three weeks in advance of the Council meeting and parents of pupils attending affected school and anyone who has responded to the consultation will be notified of its publication.

How can I find out more about the proposals or make my views heard?

If you want more information you can find the full consultation paper and other supporting information at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/kirklistonannexe.

We have also organised one public meeting which anyone can attend, as below:

Venue	Date	Time
Kirkliston Primary School	Thursday, 14 November 2019	18:30 – 20:30

The meeting will open with a short presentation about the consultation and what is proposed, followed by a question and answer session. We will take a note of the meeting and all of the points made will be captured in the final 'Outcomes of the Consultation Report'.

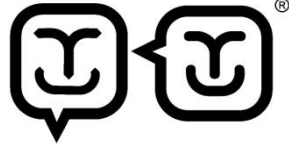
Please email kirklistonannexe@edinburgh.gov.uk by Wednesday 6 November 2019 if you need translation services at the meeting.

Tell us your views: public consultation period closes Monday 9 December 2019

It would be helpful if you could take time to complete our short survey – you can find it easily online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/kirklistonannexe. If you don't have internet access then you can view the full consultation paper at Kirkliston Primary School, Kirkliston Nursery School, Kirkliston Library, Kirkliston Community Centre, Kirkliston Leisure Centre or the Council Offices at Waverley Court.

You can also email comments to us directly at kirklistonannexe@edinburgh.gov.uk or if you prefer they can be posted to:

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