

# Pupil views on a new 3-18 school in Tain

## 1. Benefits of a 3 – 18 school

- Upgrade in facilities
- Very much in favour of the whole idea
- Better transition

## 2. What would you like in the new 3-18 school

- More/better sport facilities
- Social areas

## 3. Any issues/ concerns ?

- Transition from old to new building
- Transition for pupils in feeder primaries
- Room for expansion once completed
- Behaviour of older pupils alongside younger pupils

A meeting took place on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 and involved a total of 37 middle stage pupils from S1 (13), S2 (12) and S3 (12).

Comments were wide ranging and are summarised below –

### WHAT WE WOULD LIKE:

- Bigger pool/slide
- Drama
- More gym halls eg badminton, tennis, table tennis
- Improved PE equipment eg football action/balls
- Bigger canteen/assembly hall
- Playground, slides and obstacles
- Improved athletics track, rugby pitch, astroturf
- Library/better seating/tables
- Better buses to the meeting areas/sauna/steam room/study bus/café
- Strict anti-bullying policy/more parking/activities for all appropriate ages
- Social areas/no internet restrictions/improved canteen/football teams
- I pads/better Wi-Fi

### **3-18 BENEFITS:**

- Better facilities (more Gaelic/PE/TRACC)
- Know the building/teachers
- Mix ages
- Better for the community
- Better transport (bus)
- Not so big a step when coming into the Academy from Primary already in the same campus
- More business for the community due to working in the area due to new school
- More toilets (for staff and pupils)

### **Issues raised**

- How will the secondary and primary be physically split in the new school?
- Will secondary kids be a bad influence on younger pupils eg behaviour?
- Is the £44 million only for the building or does it include transport?
- How will TRACC be affected?
- Is there a plan if the pupil role increases faster than expected?
- Would the one big school scare younger pupils?
- How will the outlying primary schools be involved, as kids from these may feel outsiders?
- Will the building of the new school distract pupils studying and their exams?
- How much disruption will there be for local houses during construction?
- Will there be an even spread of facilities between subjects?
- Will the primary children's needs take precedence over secondary kids?
- Overall – we are all in favour.

## Knockbreck Primary School

### Consultation with pupils on 3-18 proposals

Focus group meetings took place with pupils across P5-7, using questionnaire/proformas from Skye exercise to capture pupils' views.

A summary of responses is given below.

Stage	Really bad	Bad	Don't know	Good idea	Really good idea
P5	nil	1	2	10	4
P6	3	nil	10	2	2
P7	nil	1	1	2	1
Totals	3	2	13	14	7

A total of 39 individual pupil views were recorded.

Sample comments from across P5-7

Positive	Queries
"Bigger classrooms – science lab"	"Would pupils get lost?"
"Hope we get a new football pitch"	"What logo would we have?"
"Really excited – we'll meet more people and make more friends"	"How would all the pupils fit in?"
"Bigger canteen"	"Will we get new toilets?"
"We can all share the same playground"	"Would smaller children get bullied"
"Cool!!"	"It will be too crowded"
"I think this new school will be great!"	"I don't want my own school to close"
"It brings everyone together so when we go to the Academy we all know each other"	"When will we start and finish (the school day)?"

## Craighill Primary School

### Consultation with pupils on 3-18 proposals

Focus group meetings took place with pupils across P6-7 in 4 groups, using questionnaire/pro formas from Skye exercise to capture pupils' views. It should be noted that Craighill's pupil roll has a double stream arrangement ie 2 classes for P6 and 2 classes for P7.

A summary of responses is given below.

Stage	Really bad	Bad	Don't know	Good idea	Really good idea
P6	4	3	12	20	8
P7	5	1	8	23	12
Totals	9	4	20	43	20

A total of 96 individual pupil views were recorded.

### Sample comments from across P6-7

Positive	Queries
"You'll get more space and make more friends"	"Will there be too many pupils in the new school?"
"Awesome. Cool. I'm really excited"	"It's a big move and will unsettle younger pupils"
"New technology will help you learn"	"Pupils might get lost"
"The new building will have sports halls"	"What will the new school be called?"
"It will be good for older pupils to help younger ones"	"What will our uniform look like?"
"We will all have the one new uniform"	"Will all the cars fit in?"
"It is good as the schools are falling apart right now"	"You could get distracted with all the noise in the new school"
"I feel excited and annoyed as I want the new school build now"	"Will all the teachers move with us to the new school?"
"It'll be good as everyone can make new friends"	"Will the younger pupils be scared of the older ones?"
"It's a new adventure for everyone"	"Will the playground be big enough for all the pupils to fit in?"
"You can use the pool and the games hall after school in the new building"	"Little kids might copy the bad behaviour of the older kids"
"It would be good to be in the same building with your other brothers and sisters"	
"More pupils and more friends to make"	