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St Clements Pupil Council

Dear Ruth and Ian

Please see below. Wee summary of the meeting on Friday. I know that a minute of the meeting will follow.

A useful meeting – all very excited about the new school.

Ruth – hope you are feeling better.

Kind regards,
Gordon

St Clements Pupil Council 25/3/22

The Pupil Council were all keen to get a new school as they recognise there are things that they don't currently have on the current site that they would be very likely to have in a new school with a larger footprint. The things that were listed:

- A minibus – this was raised by both pupils and staff. The new site is further out of town and transporting pupils to Dingwall and beyond was key. The school have built up very useful community links – these are an integral part of the education of the pupils e.g. next week the pupils are visiting Ross County to make a video on a joint project between the school and the club. Pupils get to attend some Home games. Other places that they have strong links with: Deas Bakery, Tuesday UHI, L'Arche, Cantraybridge, Cycleability, horse riding, library visits etc.
- PE facilities – bike track. Playground – swings / slides / ground based trampoline, climbing frame, football goals – mini pitch, rugby, mini-golf. A small pool – 10 out of 11 pupils present felt a pool would be very worthwhile.
- Outdoor learning – gardens / fishing / animal husbandry.
- Other Curriculum areas in need of improved facilities- Science / Music / HE /Art / Performing Arts.
- Assembly Area.
- A Lifeskills flat would also be very valuable.
- Vending machines for food and drink.
- Staff in attendance also felt the following would be beneficial – water bed for comfort for some young people who may have life limiting conditions. Dark rooms / multi-sensory / hoists /soft play /appropriate car parking for access for all.

The Pupil Council will disseminate the following questions to all the classes in the school:

- What is good about St. Clements that you would want to see in a new school?
- What do you feel needs to be part of the new school that you currently do not have?
- To discuss the possibility of a muster point in Dingwall town – in terms of location and specification.

School staff will also create an ideas board or tree in school to capture the ideas of the whole school.