

Dear Sirs

We refer to your letter of 30th September 2024 and the consultative paper regarding the proposal to replace the nursery classes at Caol Primary School and St. Columba's Roman Catholic Primary School with a single nursery class serving both schools.

St Columba's R.C. Primary School Parent Council are happy to confirm that they firmly support this proposal. In particular, we broadly agree with the educational benefits of a merged nursery facility for the two schools, as detailed in Appendix A of the consultative paper.

We have direct experience of the positive impact that the shared campus of both schools has had for the pupils in our school. Pupils have had increased social interactions and made friends with pupils at both schools at breaktimes and lunchtimes. There have also been campus wide activities and events, such as a Halloween Disco and a Christmas Party, which pupils from both schools have enjoyed.

There have been many benefits to the joint campus and we believe it has helped the children at both schools build relationships with other pupils. We believe that there would be a key benefit of beginning this journey in the nursery setting. This would allow these friendships and relationships to start at an early stage, and this would then continue as pupils progress through their primary school years.

Kind regards

St. Columba's R.C. Primary School Parent Council