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All Consultees of the Park/Tower Consultation

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Dear Consultee

PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL/TOWER NURSERY SCHOOL CONSULTATION

The consultation period in relation to the proposal to close Tower Nursery School and establish it as a nursery class of Park Primary School ended on 16th March 2011.

As the response to the consultation will be presented to council on 2nd June we are providing you with a summary of the recommendations.

Please note that this summary is for information only and copies of the full statutory report can be readily accessed as follows:

- At Tower Nursery School and Park Primary School
- Online at www.clacksweb.org.uk
- At the main Council Offices - Lime Tree House, Greenfield and Kilncraigs
- Alternatively if you wish a copy to be posted please call 01259 452437

If you have any questions relating to the consultation please contact the Nursery School in the first instance.

WHAT DID WE DO?

We consulted with people by:

- sending copies of the consultation document to people we thought would be interested in it
- putting a notice in the local paper
- putting information on our website
- holding a public meeting to explain what we wanted to do
- asking people to let us know what they thought about the proposal

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Tower Nursery School closes in June 2011 as a stand alone establishment. It would be reopened in August 2011 as the nursery class of Park Primary School but would remain in the same location.

WHAT DID PEOPLE THINK OF THE PROPOSAL?

- 60 responses were received
- 55 responses were for the preferred option

WHAT WERE PEOPLE'S MAIN CONCERNS?

- Concern was expressed about how the parents would access the Primary School Headteacher
- Concern was raised about what would happen to the current acting headteacher of the nursery
- Some of the respondents raised the issue of cost of providing a new gate in the fence around the nursery

The Education Service has taken these concerns into consideration when finalising the proposal. The responses are listed below:

- The expectation is that in the first instance the headteacher will be around as much as possible when the children arrive and depart from the nursery so that parents will not have the need to make an appointment
- The current acting headteacher of the nursery will return to her own post with the Council as a nursery teacher.
- The gate will be added for the ease of the headteacher in transition between the school building and the nursery building.

All of the concerns raised and responses to them can be found in the main statutory document.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We have read all the points raised and looked at the concerns of those people who contacted us.

The Education Service has recommended that, if the proposal is approved by the Council, Tower Nursery School closes June 2011 as a stand alone establishment and reopens August 2011 as Park Nursery Class.

If Clackmannanshire Council approves the recommendation it will be passed to the Scottish Government who would then have six weeks to consider the closure. You would have three weeks to bring to the attention of Scottish Ministers any matters you think they should consider. The Scottish Government would have a further three weeks to consider any points made.

If the matter is referred to Scottish Ministers, we shall advise you of the outcome of the referral at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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