

Notes of Pupil Meeting

APPENDIX 4



Present: Pentyrch Primary School pupils (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) and staff, Shirley Karseras (SOP), Ian Warburton, Rachel Burgess Willis (SOP), Hibah Iqbal (SOP), Rosalie Phillips (SOP)

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Shirley Karseras (SK) opened the meeting, introduced Council officers and explained the role of school planning. She told the pupils that there were proposed changes to their school and the meeting was for these changes to be explained and their views recorded.

SK then presented the pupil presentation which covered the following

The presentation covered:

- Background
- What is being proposed?
- Pupil projections
- Nursery provision
- School buildings at Pentyrch
- Benefits of the proposal
- Potential disadvantages, risks and alternative options
- What happens next?

Questions and Answers

The questions asked/comments made by pupils are set out in *italics* below with the officer response given directly below.

Question/Comment 1

It would be good to have a school library.

Question/Comment 2

What will happen to Pentyrch Nursery?

SK – we know that this is a concern. We will be talking to the nursery and looking at options such as wraparound care.

Question/Comment 3

Where would the extension go?

SK – we are looking at how this would work and will be talking to your Headteacher and Governing Body about this.



Question/Comment 4

Will it affect the play area/school yard; don't want to lose any of the playground

SK – at the moment nothing has been agreed and any changes to the building will be discussed with your school.

Question/Comment 5

It will be good because there will be more children

Question/Comment 6

If there has to be a building on the yard, some of the grass could be taken away to build on.

Question/Comment 7

Will older children be able to play with the little ones?

Day to day running will still be done by the school. At the moment schools are working in bubbles but hopefully this won't be for much longer.

Question/Comment 8

When would the building works be done; would this be while we are in school; will we still be able to go to school?

SK – where possible building works would be done during the school holidays, however some works may need to be carried out while the school is open, but you will be able to carry on going to school.

Question/Comment 9

What will happen to clubs if we don't have the village hall?

T – the village hall will still be there.

Question/Comment 10

Will the old part of the school stay the same?

SK – need to make the best use of money. The school has been assessed as being at a good standard but there may be some improvements.

Question/Comment 11

Will part of the school be knocked down?

SK – don't believe so.

Question/Comment 12

How many pupils do you think will come to the school?

SK – there will be 10 extra places in primary year groups and 48 part-time places in nursery.

Question/Comment 13

It would be good to have more children at the school and would like to be able to welcome them to the school.



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Question/Comment 14

Will we go to the same school building during the works?

SK – yes

During the session the following comments were posted in the chat bar:

- Would like a bigger school and new friends
- If there are more children, there will be more friends
- The school is too small
- Would like a library
- Would like a new hall for lunchtimes

There were no further questions or comments. SK thanked the pupils and staff and the session ended.